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DRAMATIC RESCUE ATTEMPT.

THRILLING WORK FOR SUFFOLK.

SMALL BOATS PICK THEIR WAY.

A 12-MILE JOURNEY ACROSS TREACHEROUS WATER.

DANGER NOT OVER.

Two small boats from H.M.S. Suffolk are picking their way through a knoll-studded lagoon on a hazardous 12-mile journey in an attempt to rescue the crew of the Hedwig, which now appears to be a Dutch three-masted schooner. The danger to the boats is extremely great and those aboard the shipwreck are not out of peril by any means.

Short Steep Seas.

Leaving Mrs. Bay last night, H.M.S. Suffolk made straight for the Pratas, where at dawn this morning she dropped two boats, which set out across the lagoon. The message wirelessly to Naval Authorities this morning about 9 o'clock read:

"Have lowered motor boat and whaler which are now inside southern entrance. Am proceeding in the direction of the wreck. Weather conditions moderate, north-east monsoon. Boats are riding short steep seas and are making about four knots to windward."

The Suffolk then proceeded round the lagoon and is now standing by the wreck, sending out thick smoke to guide the small boats. The visibility is excellent.

Hedwig's "In Danger" Radio.

The only message from the Hedwig this morning was received about 9 o'clock. It read:

"Strong north-east winds. Breakers very strong. Water coming in engine room, about four feet. Please tell Suffolk 35 metres read O.K. here. Wavelength 40. Waiting for you. In danger. Call as soon as you receive this message. Many thanks for your valuable assistance."

In their trip across the lagoon, the two boats from the Suffolk have a perilous undertaking. Sheltered by the coral reef, the seas are "comparatively calm" inside, but "comparatively calm" in nautical language, means a choppy surface with some big waves. But the main danger inside will be the countless coral knolls, reefs and rocks that dot the waters, and are unmarked.

Serious Hazards.

There are numerous cays that rise just out of the surface at low tide, and the helmsmen of the two boats will need all their seafaring knowledge, to keep clear of these obstacles which continually threaten disaster.

They can make only four knots under these circumstances, and if that speed is maintained, they will not be able to reach the wreck until this afternoon, when another difficult undertaking will present itself.

If the Hedwig has been flung clean over the coral and is in shallow water on a sandy bottom, the task will be easy, but if the boat is still hard and fast in the coral, those on board will have a dangerous task in reaching the Suffolk's boats.

Hidden Over Reef.

The exact wording of the Suffolk's message received in Hongkong at 11.30 a.m. was:

"Hedwig appears to have ridden over the reef into the lagoon and is now in calm and very shallow water. Visibility is poor. Am lying to the windward and making smoke in the hope of giving boats a leading mark."

The reef at the point where the Hedwig went ashore is about two miles across, half of it being coral and the inside half, sand. (Continued on Page 14.)

LABOUR RETAINS WHITECHAPEL.

MAJORITY SHRINKS BY OVER FIVE THOUSAND.

LIBERALS POLL WELL.

London, Dec. 3. The bye-election at Whitechapel has resulted in Labour retaining the seat, though with a much reduced majority. The contest was necessitated by the death of Mr. H. Gosling, President of the Transport and General Workers' Union. There were four candidates for the seat, and the result was as follows:

Mr. Hall (Lab.)	8,641
Mr. Janner (Lab.)	7,445
Mr. Guinness (Con.)	3,735
Mr. Pollitt (Con.)	2,106

Labour majority 1,099.

—*Reuter*

At the last General Election, Labour had a majority of 9,180 in a three-cornered contest, the figures being: Mr. Gosling (Lab.), 13,701; Mr. F. H. Sedgwick (Lab.), 4,621; Mr. T. L. E. B. Guinness (Con.), 3,417. In the 1923 election, Labour's majority was 1,166, whilst in 1924 it was 10,147.

It will be seen that the Labour vote has shrunk by more than 5,000, whilst the Liberals have polled nearly 3,000 more, and the Communist vote of 2,106 is entirely new. Evidently, many Labour voters switched to the Liberal and Communist candidates, the Conservative vote remaining practically unchanged.

The Liberal candidate, Mr. Janner, unsuccessfully contested Central Cardiff at the last election, whilst Mr. Pollitt, the Communist nominee, was at the bottom of the poll in Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's seat.

COST OF DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

LABOUR MEMBERS PROTEST IN COMMONS.

London, Dec. 3. In the House of Commons, Mr. Muggelridge (Lab.) asked whether British subjects in China bore part of the cost of the British army in China.

Mr. Tom Shaw replied: No, except so far as the Shanghai Municipality had exempted from taxation the rent of lands and buildings occupied by troops, and British residents were subject to income tax.

The Speaker intervened when Mr. Muggelridge (Lab.) asked Mr. Shaw to make the people who own Shanghai pay for its defence, not the people of Britain. —*Reuter*.

DOX VISIT TO ENGLAND.

NO BILL OF EXPENSES PRESENTED.

London, Dec. 3.

A question referring to alleged reports in the German Press in connexion with the visit of the German flying boat Dox to England, was answered in the House of Commons by the Under-Secretary of Air, Mr. Montague.

He stated that no bill of expenses was presented to the Commanding Officer of the Dox, and the Air Ministry had received an expression of the German Government's appreciation for the courtesies shown. —*British Wireless*.

MISS SPOONER NOW AT ROME.

ON RECORD FLIGHT TO CAPE TOWN.

London, Dec. 3. Miss Winifred Spooner and flying Officer Edwards, who have left London on a record flight to Cape Town, reached Rome this evening. —*British Wireless*. (Miss Spooner is attempting to reach Capetown in five days.)

DISASTROUS FIRE AT ABERDEEN.

THREE HOUSES GUTTED THIS MORNING.

MAN AND WIFE LEAP FROM BURNING BUILDING.

FIRE BRIGADE'S TASK.

A disastrous outbreak of fire at a block of buildings in Aberdeen early this morning gutted three houses, each of two storeys. Although no one was seriously hurt, two of the occupants of one of the floors were injured in attempting to escape by jumping into the street from a window when the alarm was first raised.

The distance to be covered by the Fire Brigade allowed the fire to assume serious dimensions before any serious effort could be made to quell the raging flames. On the arrival of the appliances from the Central Station, the premises were well ablaze, and a difficult task thus faced the firefighters. The outbreak had its origin at 22, Main Street, and, by reason of the strong wind blowing, it quickly spread.

Other Houses Involved.

The appliances were instantly put into operation and a continuous stream of water was poured into the premises, but such a hold had been secured by the flames that both adjoining houses soon became involved, and the outbreak threatened to assume an even more serious aspect.

The firemen, however, made a gallant effort to subdue the roaring blaze and it was only after a good three hours' battle that their labours proved successful, but not until No. 22, where the outbreak had its origin, was completely gutted.

Nos. 21 and 23 were likewise affected and although neither of these houses was as completely destroyed as No. 22, the roofs of both collapsed on to the first floor.

Man and Wife Injured.

Fortunately the inmates of the houses involved had sufficient warning, although two people in their anxiety to escape, on finding the houses well alight, jumped into the street from one of the floors. They received injuries to their legs and had to be taken to hospital for treatment.

The injured persons, Tong Yuk, an elderly man who lived on the first floor of No. 22, and his wife, Yuen Yung, aged 48, awoke to find the place on fire and almost instinctively made for a window from which they jumped into the street.

With the exception of these two, who made their leap immediately they became aware of the fire and before the Brigade had reached the scene, none of the occupants of any of the houses was cut off, and all made good their escape without any assistance.

Spectacular Sight.

The three buildings covered an area of approximately 55 feet by 25 and the flames presented a spectacular sight, being visible from a great distance.

According to the official records, the Central Station appliances were summoned to the scene at 11.42 p.m. and it was not until 2.55 a.m. that they returned to the Station.

Up to the present it has not been ascertained how the fire originated. Although the damage is severe, the extent has not been estimated, the value of the contents of the premises being unknown at present. The ground floors were used as shops, with the upper storeys being occupied by Chinese families as tenement houses.

SHANGHAI ARSENAL EXPLOSION.

WORKER KILLED AND TWO INJURED.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. An explosion occurred at the Nationalist Arsenal here yesterday afternoon, owing to an error made by workers in charge of the heating system. Only a small portion of the Arsenal was, however, damaged. One worker was killed and two injured.

MOSCOW GOES THE LIMIT.

RADIO BROADCAST TO BRITAIN.

PLEDGE IGNORED.

London, Dec. 3.

A broadcast speech from Moscow last night addressed to workers in Britain, led Mr. Oliver Locker-Lampson to ask in the House of Commons, whether such an address, inciting British workers to revolution, was a breach of the Soviet propaganda undertaking, and what steps were being taken in the matter.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary, replying, said: The Foreign Office did not receive the full text of this wireless address until this afternoon. In the short time at my disposal for its examination, I have come to the conclusion that while it does not constitute an incitement to revolution as suggested in the question, it is nevertheless, in my opinion, a departure from the undertaking given by the Soviet Government in regard to propaganda.

In these circumstances, he added, I am instructing His Majesty's

OUTLOOK IN COAL CRISIS.

Efforts to Secure Peace Continuing.

TO-DAY'S CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 3. Efforts to secure peace in the coal industry are continuing to-day.

Throughout the day, Mr. E. Shinnell, the Secretary for Mines, and the miners and owners were engaged on discussions in anticipation of the meeting of the miners' conference to-morrow.

To-morrow's conference will review its decision on the spread-over proposals and receive reports from all districts. —*British Wireless*.

Ambassador at Moscow to address a protest to the Soviet Government.

Sir Kingsley Wood asked how many protests to the Soviet were now outstanding, and Mr. Locker-Lampson asked if Mr. Henderson would listen to the next similar address.

Mr. Henderson:—I hope I may be better employed.

Mr. Kirkwood chimed in by asking if a right good revolution would not be practical politics at present. (Laughter). —*Reuter and British Wireless*.

STEAMER LOST OFF YUCATAN.

SKIPPER'S DAUGHTERS AND WIFE DROWNED.

New York, Dec. 3.

A small steamer, the Clara Ramos, foundered off Yucatan to-day, seven of those aboard being drowned, including the skipper's wife and two daughters. —*Reuter's American Service*.

STOPPING AMERICAN IMMIGRATION.

PLAN TO SUSPEND FOR FIVE YEARS.

Washington, Dec. 3. Mr. Johnson, the Chairman of the House of Representatives Immigration Commission, has introduced a Bill to suspend all immigration for five years. —*Reuter's American Service*.

DISASTER AT SOVIET LEVEL CROSSING.

TRAIN HITS WELL-FILLED TRAM-CAR.

Moscow, Dec. 3. Twenty-eight persons were killed and thirteen injured in a collision to-day between a Soviet passenger train and a tram-car.

FULL INCOME TAX FOR AMERICA.

(CONCESSIONS MAY BE WITHDRAWN.

HOOVER'S HINT ON BUDGET DEFICIT.

BORROWING RESORT.

Washington, Dec. 3.

A hint that the income tax concession made last year as a consequence of the Wall Street debacle would have to be withdrawn in view of the state of the national finances, was given by President Hoover to-day in his Budget Message to Congress, which asked for an appropriation of \$3,933,000,000 for the year ending June, 1932.

Americans, he said at the outset, could not expect a continuance of the one per cent. tax cut on incomes in view of this year's deficit of \$318,000,000.

He did not regard this "moderate" deficit very concerned, because he confidently anticipated a restoration of surpluses with the general economic recovery.

When surpluses returned they would absorb any temporary borrowing. The receipts in the 1932 Estimates are calculated to be \$4,085,000,000, and the expenditure, \$4,054,000,000.

National Defence.

The expenditure on national defence would be \$680,000,000, representing a decrease of nearly \$34,000,000.

President Hoover asked for \$28,000,000 for naval building, which with the unexpended balance due to the delay in building pending the negotiation of the London Naval Treaty, would bring the 1932 total for naval construction to a total of \$51,500,000. Those funds would be used to continue work on the new aircraft carrier and seven eight-inch gun light cruisers authorised in 1929, and for work on the uncompleted light cruisers and submarines now building under previous Congressional authorisation.

"The construction of these vessels now authorised, which are permitted by the London Treaty, should go forward without delay."

The President further observed that the United States could build three more eight-inch cruisers by 1935 under the London Pact if they so desired, but the remaining five under the 1929 fifteen-ship programme would have to carry smaller guns than eight-inch.

Agricultural Slump.

The salvation from ruin of thousands of American farmers depends on whether they band together to eliminate over-production, according to the annual report of Mr. A. M. Hyde, the Secretary of Agriculture.

Referring to wheat, Mr. Hyde expressed the opinion that the only logical remedy for the problem of surpluses is voluntary curtailment, and he recommends a flexible policy of wheat acreage reduction.

U.S. Cotton Less Popular.

The developments in the cotton market, he adds, also emphasise the importance of adjusting production to requirements. He notes that there has been in the last two years a movement away from American to cotton grown elsewhere. Price differences have been very favourable to American cotton and the differences in quality between American and foreign growths have been less marked.

Cotton production for the current year is estimated at 14,486,000 bales as compared with 14,828,000 in 1929. The crop is described as more than ample for the market's reduced requirements.

Heavy Drops.

The world consumption of American cotton in 1929/30 was two million bales below that of 1928/29, while the consumption of Indian and other foreign cottons had increased by 900,000 bales and 800,000 bales respectively. The American cotton market is therefore in a very unfavorable position.

WAY OUT OF SILVER CRISIS.

RIOTOUS SCENES IN GERMANY.

SERIOUS POLICE CLASHES WITH COMMUNISTS.

150 NAZIS ARRESTED.

Berlin, Dec. 3.

Serious clashes between police and Communists occurred in different parts of Germany to-day. A horde of Reds attacked the police at Hamburg with stones, knives and clubs. A policeman was killed, three were seriously injured. Two Communists were arrested.

At Dresden, a Communist was fatally injured and eight others seriously injured, in a collision between police and the Reds. The Communists stoned the police, who fired into the air and dispersed the mob with their truncheons.

Police attach considerable importance to a raid made last night on a mansion at Jechkowitz, near Breslau, where a hundred and fifty uniformed and armed Nazi "storm troops" were arrested.

It is rumoured that they had assembled with a view to organising volunteer frontier defence forces against "Polish aggression." The Reichstag re-assembled to-day for a short session. A large force of police surrounded the building, but hitherto there have been no disturbances.

Herr Dietrich, the Minister of Finance, introduced the new Budget for 1931 showing a reduction of about one and a half milliard marks in expenditure as compared with 1930. The reduction is only possible with the help of the Emergency legislation enacted by virtue of Article 48 of the Constitution. —*Reuter*.

EDITOR FIRES AT PREMIER.

SENSATIONAL INCIDENT IN MADRID.

Madrid, Dec. 3.

A sensational incident occurred to-day when the Prime Minister, General Berenguer, was receiving journalists to give them a communique regarding the Cabinet Council.

Joaquin Lizaso, the political editor of the independent Liberal journal, *El Sol*, who was one of the journalists present, fired a revolver at the Prime Minister, who, however, was not hit.

General Berenguer leaped at Lizaso and seized him by the arm just in time.

Lizaso subsequently explained that he had just resigned from the newspaper and wanted to make an anarchist demonstration against General Berenguer's "Socialist regime."

The Prime Minister and the newspapermen present are of the opinion that Lizaso acted in a moment of madness. —*Reuter*.

CUBAN STUDENTS ON RAMPAGE.

DEMONSTRATORS FIRE ON POLICE.

New York, Dec. 3.

Demonstration students at the National University of Havana fired on the police, when the latter held up a procession in which the students were taking part.

One policeman was fatally injured. The leaders of the procession were arrested. —*Reuter's American Service*.

GENEROUS GIFT BY ROCKEFELLERS.

FOR RELIEF OF NEW YORK'S UNEMPLOYED.

New York, Nov. 3.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller and his sons have made a donation of a million dollars for the relief of unemployment in New York City, where the situation is grave. The money has been sent to the Emergency Unemployment Committee of New York. —*Reuter's American Service*.

BRITISH BANKER'S PROPOSAL.

A FIXED RELATION WITH GOLD.

GREAT INTEREST AROUSED IN AMERICA.

Washington, Dec. 3.

The well-known British banker, Mr. J. T. Darling, who is a prominent director of the Midland Bank, one of the Big Five, addressing the Congressional Silver Sub-Committee to-day, urged that the nations of the world should seek an immediate remedy for the depressed price of silver.

Direct consequences were probable unless international action was taken, he said.

Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the committee, advocated a world conference in order to stabilize the silver market.

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A Fixed Ratio.

Business men are taking the keenest interest in the appeal of Mr. Darling, who urged the co-operation of the British Empire and the United States in the establishment of silver at 20 to 1, which represents the relation between silver and gold that he suggested. Mr. Darling pointed out that this would go a tremendous way towards the relief of the world industrial depression as it would lead to a large increase in the purchasing power of half the human race in the Orient.

Reputation Fears.

He expressed the view that unless the present situation was remedied, the reputation of national debts and industrial revolution might ensue.

Mr. Darling further contended that such rehabilitation of silver would not only put Asia on her feet, but would materially benefit Mexico and South America. —*Reuter's American Service*.

Unilateral Action Valueless.

Mr. Darling's scheme is a modification of the proposals he outlined recently in reference to the establishment of a Bank of the British Empire. The only strong objection to the scheme at that time was that it contemplated placing the entire responsibility for rehabilitating silver upon the proposed Bank.

It was pointed out that while the proposal had its favourable points, the result of unilateral action would be the dumping of the world's silver in Great Britain, so that the equilibrium could not be maintained in spite of the power conferred upon the British Empire Bank to change its price for gold.

The New Bi-Metallism.

Mr. Darling's scheme is summed up in the term "the new bi-metallism." It would involve a departure by all countries concerned from an unalterable gold standard for its unit, and it is agreed by economists that this would check price fluctuations and thus remove one of the principal factors in the industrial depression, insofar as it affects commerce between gold standard countries. The price of silver to-day is the lowest on record and there is no prospect of a substantial recovery except by technical artificiality.

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**CUMBERLAND MURDER
RECALLED.**

ADMINISTRATION OF CHINESE
LADY'S LOCAL ESTATE.

The sensational Cumberland murder affair, when a husband murdered his Chinese wife in June, 1928, is recalled by the local estate of the deceased lady which has recently been dealt with at the Supreme Court. Wai Sheung-min, alias Norah Miao, nee Wai Sheung-siu, married woman, left Hongkong estate which has been valued at \$13,100, in respect of which letters of administration have been granted to Siu Pui-lau and Siu Pui-ching, fourth and sixth brothers respectively, who are living at No. 225, Nathan Road.

The deceased lady was formerly of Macao and died intestate at Cummacatta Wood Grange, Borrowdale, R.D., Keswick, Cumberland, England, on June 19, 1928. The petition states that "the said deceased was, at the time of her death, a married woman who was murdered by her husband in England. Her husband was prosecuted to conviction in England and sentenced to death."

Local estate worth \$5,600 was left by Eng See-foon, alias Ah Jack, fisherman, late of No. 707, King Street, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., who died intestate at Kelchikan, Alaska, Canada, on April 23, this year. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Eng Wong-shi, temporarily residing at No. 235, Wing Lok Street.

**TRAGIC DEATH OF
SHIP CADET.**

FELL DOWN HOLD ON HIS
FIRST VOYAGE.

On his first voyage to sea as a ship's cadet, Eric Lunt, aged 16 years, fell down the hold of the Dodwell Castle steamer, Manchester Castle in Hongkong Harbour on Tuesday morning, and died later in the Kowloon Hospital. He will be buried at Happy Valley, at 10 a.m. today.

Mr. Lunt was working on the 'twelve decks' of the steamer which was moored off Stonecutters' at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, when, it is presumed, he missed his footing, and fell to the bottom of the empty lower hold, 30 feet below. Unconscious when he was picked up, he was taken immediately to the Kowloon Hospital, where he underwent an operation. He did not recover consciousness, however, and died in that institution at 9.30 p.m. The Manchester Castle continued its voyage to Shanghai before he died.

It was the first voyage Mr. Lunt had made, having been signed on as a cadet shortly before the ship left England. It is believed that his parents live at Southport, Lancashire.

STUDENT KILLED.

KNOCKED DOWN BY BUS
IN NATHAN ROAD.

Knocked down by a motor-bus in Nathan Road, Yumutai, at 11.30 a.m. yesterday, Lau Kai-sing, a 13-year-old boy, was killed instantly. He was a student at the Yumutai Government School, and was playing with some other scholars opposite the school, when, it is said, he suddenly ran across the road in front of the bus.

He received severe head injuries and was killed instantly. The boy lived with his parents at No. 44, Bowring Street.

London, Dec. 3.
The Commonwealth Premier, Mr. Scullin, has left for Australia.
Reuter.

**"THE YEOMEN OF THE
GUARD."**

IDEAL SUBJECT FOR AN
AMATEUR SOCIETY.

Booking for the opera "The Yeomen of the Guard" is now open at Anderson's, and our readers are advised to book early as the best seats are rapidly going.

The production represents the ninth opera produced since the Philharmonic recommenced performing light opera in 1924, and there can be no doubt in the mind of any one who has seen the rehearsals that the coming production will maintain the best traditions of amateur art on the stage.

Gilbert and Sullivan has always been regarded as ideal material for amateur Societies, firstly because there are no technical difficulties in the vocal score which put the leading parts beyond the reach of a good well trained voice, and secondly because the natural stage settings and the quality of the libretto materially assist comparatively inexperienced players in projecting the personalities they portray across the footlights. Dramatic critics frequently write of stage productions that the entire burden of success has been borne by one man who has made a character "who has in fact, presented to the audience a living portrait of a personality never even conceived by the author."

There is no need for this type of success in "The Yeomen of the Guard" the story of "A Merryman and His Maid." Gilbert has told in this opera a story that might appear with the necessary allowances for the times we live in as a true record of life to-day.

Wilfred Shadbolt whose "anecdotes of the torture chamber make the prettiest hearing" is but the garrulous slow-thinking humbug of Dickens in a Tudor setting and the observer of his fellow men may note wherever he may look to-day that practitioners of the more unsavoury, but none the less necessary, trades share with this sixteenth century Assistant Torturer a full appreciation of feminine beauty and are as keenly alive to any "trifling with the delicate organisation of the human heart." Shadbolt's aspiration to become an accepted wit, Fairfax's "bold front" in the face of impending death and his welcome of the sister sacred to him by his temporary adoption in Scott Meryll's household after his escape, Jack Point's quips and jests and the occasional glimpses of a passionate heart beating beneath the motley, the intrigues of Phoebe and Dame Carruthers, Meryll's fidelity to his old friend and helpless surrender to the Dame's beleaguement under force of circumstances, the dry officiousness of the Lieutenant, the plight of poor Elsie—all these are true to life as we find it, where ambition, duty and scheming against adverse odds and scheming not infrequently works the downfall of the plotters.

And, as a background to it all, there is the Tower of London, the "sentinel unliving and undying" which even to-day covers all trace of dabbles in High Treason and stood before feudal England as the monument to all ill-timed political ventures.

There is a wonderful example of dramatic irony in a short scene in the second act where Phoebe and Shadbolt almost simultaneously, though under different stresses, disclose their respective secrets, and the quicker-witted Phoebe is forced to stave off the disaster of Wilfred in his jealousy, incriminating them both of falsehood, himself of being a lying braggart and Phoebe of complicity in a condemned sorcerer's escape, by offering Wilfred her hand. But dramatic irony of the finest texture is woven throughout the entire libretto.

Gilbert and Sullivan is opera justifying itself, not as dramatic music for the concert hall, but as musical drama for the stage. The most elaborate staging and lighting effects cannot always conceal the extreme poverty of

ARE YOU ANAEMIC?

Then this concerns you.

If you are anaemic or suffer from any of that class of ailment arising from anaemia (impoverished blood) the following letter which has been written by a fellow-sufferer will be of vital interest to you.

The letter is from Mrs. Florence Beatrice de Alwis, of "Beatrice Villa," Pamankoda, Wellawatte, Colombo, Ceylon who writes:

"A couple of years ago my health failed and I felt languid and listless. I suffered from headaches, and pains in the body; lost weight and got very pale and thin. At times I felt so bad that I had to keep to my bed. My nerves were also affected and the slightest thing worried me. I was in this state for about a year, during which time I tried various medicines but nothing seemed to do me any good.

"Then I read of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try them. I must say I was very pleased with results. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills gradually restored my strength and energy and I began to put on weight. The pains and headaches left me and before long my health was completely restored. I have since kept well and strong.

(Signed) Mrs. F. B. de Alwis."

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non-musical matter in so many Grand Operas. On the other hand Gilbert and Sullivan requires no operatic "stars" and no Reinhardt behind the scenes to unfold itself as opera created by artists fully conscious of the possibilities of even the smallest theatres and least experienced players, and determined not to ignore the limitations imposed by considerations of true dramatic art upon the largest and most skilful organisations.

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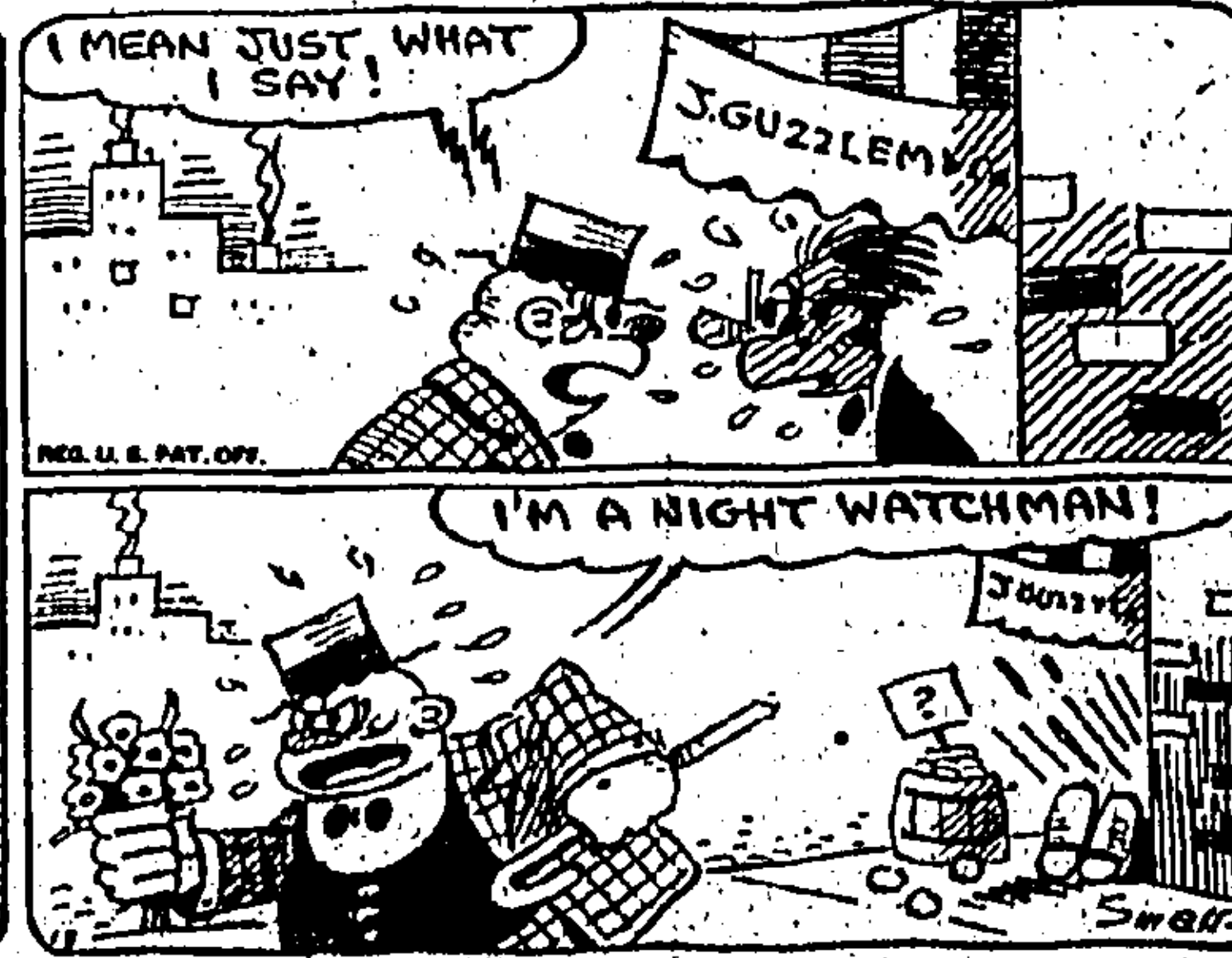
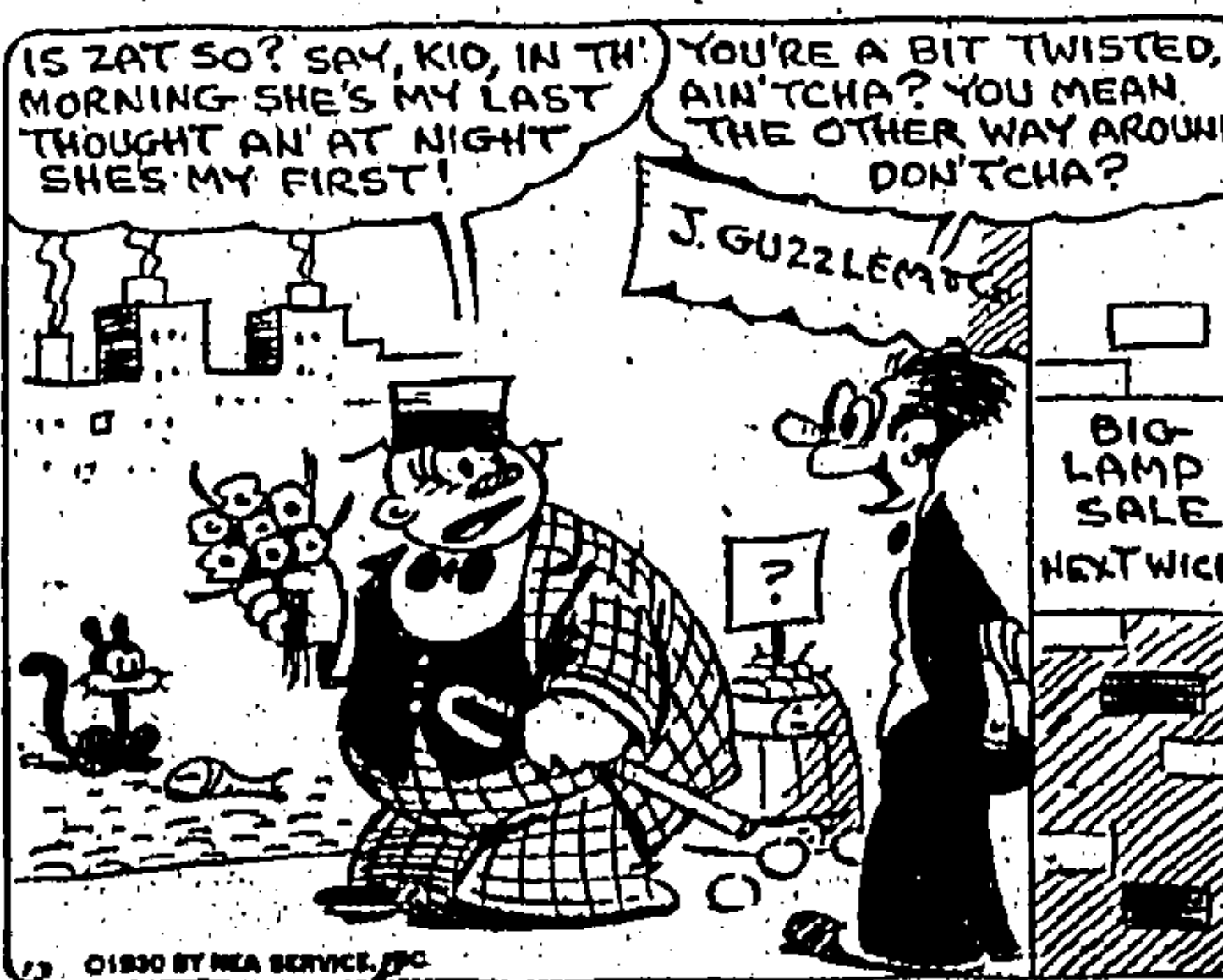


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The 2nd Batt. Royal Scots paraded through Shanghai last week after their voyage from Tientsin. Upper photo shows some of the men preparatory to marching off. Lower shows Col. Romanes leading.



Inventors in the United States are seeking to exploit the rocket system of motion, and our photo shows two men charging a model of a machine which they hope will achieve a speed of at least 600 miles an hour. The plane will have a small motor for taking off and landing.



The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce, entertained by the Business Girls' Council in Shanghai (when the above picture was taken) gave a thrilling account of her exciting adventures, in the wilds of the Persian Gulf and while flying across the Annamite Mountains, during her trip to the Far East. The reception was largely attended.



Admiral Sir A. K. Wastell, just appointed commander-in-chief at Portsmouth.



Mr. Tsang Ming-keo, legal adviser to Woosung and Shanghai Garrison Area.



Mr. T. G. Deakford, of Shanghai who passed through recently on his return from leave.



Mr. Y. S. Wong, member of the Nanking Commission to reorganise the C. M. S. N. Co.



Mr. George White, Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, used an aeroplane for his electioneering campaign.

Senhor Barbosa, Governor of Macao, is shown above in Shanghai, at top with the Portuguese Consul and Vice-Consul and at the bottom inspecting the members of the Portuguese Company, S. V. O.

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 The following replies have been received:—
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 705, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732,
 734.

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**THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
 THERAPION No. 1
 THERAPION No. 2
 THERAPION No. 3**

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG ART CLUB.

The Annual Exhibition will be
 held in Lane, Crawford's Restau-
 rant (front room), on December
 10th and 11th. The Exhibition
 will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Admissions 50 cents.

N. BROWN, (Mrs.)
 Hon. Secretary.
 176, Penk.

G. 1112 R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction
 to be held on Monday, the 8th
 day of December, 1930, at 3 p.m.,
 at the Offices of the Public
 Works Department, by Order of
 His Excellency the Governor of
 one Lot of Crown Land at
 Tai K. Tsui, in the Colony
 of Hong Kong for a term of
 75 years, with the option of
 renewal at a Crown Rent to be
 fixed by the Surveyor of His
 Majesty the King, for one
 further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundaries	Contents	Annual	Upset Price
12	100	Kowloon Island	Between the	Approx.	\$2.2	\$37.00
			Street and	18.50		
			and			
			As per sale			
			plan.			

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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry
 forms for the Thirteenth Extra
 Race Meeting to be held on Sat-
 urday, 13th December, 1930 (Weather
 permitting) may be obtained at
 the Race Course, Hongkong Club
 and Causeway Bay Stables.
 Entries close at 12 o'clock Noon
 on Monday, 8th December, 1930.

UNION WATER BOAT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that
 an Extraordinary General Meeting
 of the Company will be held at the
 offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co.,
 Ltd., Queen's Buildings Victoria
 in the Colony of Hongkong at
 11 o'clock in the forenoon on
 Monday, the 8th day of December,
 1930 for the purpose of consider-
 ing and, if thought fit, passing the
 following resolutions as Ex-
 traordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the Articles of Association
 of the Company be amended as
 follows:—

(a) By the insertion immedi-
 ately after Article 43 of the follow-
 ing new Article, namely:

43 (A) The Company may by
 ordinary resolution cancel any
 shares which at the date of the
 passing of such resolution have
 not been taken or agreed to be
 taken by any person, and
 diminish the amount of its
 share capital by the amount of
 the shares so cancelled.

(b) By the insertion immedi-
 ately after Article 102 of the
 following new Articles, name-
 ly:

102a. The Company may at any
 time and from time to time in
 general meeting by resolution
 authorize the General Managers
 to capitalize any profits of the
 Company not required for the
 time being for payment of
 dividend upon any preference
 shares of the Company or other
 shares issued upon any special
 conditions, whether standing to
 the credit of the Company's
 reserve fund or otherwise, and
 including profits arising from
 the appreciation in value of
 capital assets, and to allot to
 the members holding shares of
 the Company in respect of the
 net amount capitalized fully
 paid shares of the Company of
 equivalent nominal amount, and
 the General Managers shall
 give effect to any such resolu-
 tion accordingly, and any
 shares allotted pursuant to any
 such resolution shall be dis-
 tributed among the members
 holding shares of the Company
 in proportion to the number of
 shares held by them respectively,
 and shall be credited as fully paid
 by means of the profits so
 capitalized and the General
 Managers may make such
 provision by the issue of frac-
 tional certificates or by the
 payment of cash or by sale and
 distribution of the proceeds or
 otherwise as they may think
 expedient for the ease of frac-
 tions. The General Managers
 may appoint any person on
 behalf of the members to enter
 into any agreement with the
 Company providing for the
 allotment to them of such
 shares credited as fully paid up,
 and in satisfaction as afore-
 said and any agreement made
 under such authority shall be
 effective.

102b. The General Managers
 may, with the sanction of the
 Company in General Meeting,
 declare a dividend to be paid to
 the members according to their
 rights and interests in the
 profits, and may fix the time for
 payment and may with the like
 sanction declare and pay a
 dividend or bonus out of any
 reserve fund and fix the time for
 payment thereof and may with
 the like sanction declare and
 pay bonuses to the Company's
 employees or any of them.

AND NOTICE is hereby further
 given that a further Extraordi-
 nary General Meeting of the Com-
 pany will be held at the same
 place on Tuesday, the 23rd day
 of December, 1930 for the purpose
 of receiving a report of the proceed-
 ings at the above mentioned meet-
 ing and of confirming if thought
 fit as a Special Resolution the
 above mentioned Resolution.

AND NOTICE is hereby further
 given that a further Extraordi-
 nary General Meeting of the Com-
 pany will be held at the same
 place on Tuesday, the 23rd day
 of December, 1930 at 11.5 o'clock
 in the forenoon or so soon thereafter
 as the above meeting shall have
 terminated, for the purpose of
 considering and, if thought fit,
 passing the following resolu-
 tions, namely:—

1. That the Company do hereby
 cancel all shares (namely, 22,277
 shares numbered 27724 to 50000)
 which at the date hereof have
 not been taken or agreed to be
 taken by any person, and do hereby
 diminish the amount of its share
 capital by the amount of the
 shares so cancelled.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Twelfth Extra Race Meeting
 will be held (weather permitting)
 at Happy Valley on Saturday, 6th
 December, 1930, commencing at
 1.30 p.m. The first bell will be
 rung at 1 p.m.

MEMBERS ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they
 and their ladies must wear their
 badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be
 admitted to the Members' En-
 closure. Badges admitting non-
 members to the Members' En-
 closure and Club Rooms at \$5. for
 Gentlemen and \$2. for Ladies, are
 obtainable through the Secretary
 upon introduction by a member,
 such member to be responsible for
 payment of all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon ap-
 plication to the Secretary, badges
 (limited to two) for the free
 admission to the Members' En-
 closure of wives, lady relatives
 and friends. Names must be
 stated when applying. On no
 pretext will children be permitted
 in either Enclosure during the
 Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the
 Public Enclosure is \$1. for all
 persons including ladies and is
 payable at the gate. Soldiers and
 Sailors in uniform are admitted
 half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc.
 will not be permitted to operate
 within the Precincts of the Hong-
 kong Jockey Club during the
 Race Meeting.

By Order.

C. B. BROWN,
 Secretary.

2. That the Capital of the Com-
 pany be increased from its
 diminished capital of \$194,061.00
 Hongkong Currency divided into
 27,723 shares of \$7.00 each to
 \$509,010 Hongkong Currency
 divided into 71,430 shares of
 \$7.00 each and that such addition
 of shares shall rank in all respects
 pari passu with the original
 capital of the Company.

3. That the Directors be and they
 are hereby authorized to
 capitalize the sum of \$77,530
 profits of the Company standing
 to the credit of the Company's
 Reserve Funds and to allot to the
 members holding Shares of the
 Company as on the first day of
 January 1931 in respect of the net
 amount capitalized fully paid
 shares of the Company of
 equivalent nominal value in the
 proportion of two shares for every
 five shares of the Company then
 held by such persons respectively
 and that such shares so allotted
 shall rank for dividends as from
 the 1st day of January, 1931.

4. That if on such distribution as
 aforesaid any person would be
 entitled to a fraction of a share
 the General Managers shall in
 lieu of issuing fractional
 certificates cause the whole share
 to be allotted to a person or
 persons to be named by the
 General Managers and such share
 may at such time as the General
 Managers think fit be sold and the
 proceeds distributed amongst the
 persons entitled to the fractions
 making up the share.

5. That the Directors be and they
 are hereby authorized out of the
 profits of the Company standing
 to the credit of the Company's
 Reserve Funds to pay to the mem-
 bers holding the 27,723 existing
 shares of the Company as on the
 1st day of January, 1931 a sum
 equal to \$5.00 for every five shares
 of the Company then held by such
 persons respectively by way of a
 bonus dividend out of the profits
 of the Company.

Dated this 27th day of Novem-
 ber, 1930.

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Lammert's Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received
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on Friday,
 the 5th December, 1930,
 commencing at 2.30 p.m.
 at their Sales Room,
 Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Curious
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Porcelain Vases, Bowls, Plates,
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 Lacquer Screens, Joss Tables,
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 Chinese Hand Paintings, etc., etc.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
 On View from Thursday,
 the 4th December, 1930.
LAMMERT BROS.,
 Auctioneers.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
 share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1710 b.
 Chartered Bank, \$19 n.
 Mercantile A. & B., \$27 n.
 East Asia, \$115 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,200 b.
 Union Ins., \$500 b.
 North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
 China Underwriters, \$3.15 b.
 Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
 China Fire, \$400 b.
 H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,195 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 3/4
 H. K. Steamships, \$31 3/4 n.
 Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
 Union Waterboats \$39 n.

Mining.

Banquets, 19.25 b.
 Kailans, 37/6 in.
 Shai Exports, Tls. 1 b.
 Raube, \$31.70 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$171 n.
 Whampoa Docks, \$32 n.
 China Providents, \$5.35 b. (Old)
 (Old)
 Hongkew, Tls. 280 n.
 New Engineering, Tls. 7.10 n.
 Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 11.70 n.
 Shai Cottons, Tls. 70 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$11.40 n.
 H. K. Lands, \$32 1/2 n. (Old)
 do. 81 1/2 b.
 Shai Lands, Tls. 319 n.
 Humphreys, \$16.60 b.
 Realities, \$3.35 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18 b.
 Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 b.
 Star Ferries \$92 1/2 b.
 China Lights, (Old) \$26.65 b.
 H. K. Electric, \$79 3/4 n.
 Moco Electric, \$29 n.
 Telephone \$35 1/4 b.
 China Buses, Tls. 18 n.
 Singapore Tractors, 7/8 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
 Malabona, \$27 n.
 Cold Mac, Ord. Tls. 10.75 n.
 Canton Ice, \$3.80 n.
 Cements (Comb) \$18.15 n.
 Ropes \$11.10 b.
 United Asbestos \$5 n.
 Dairy Farms, \$27.20 b.
 Watsons, \$12.80 n.
 Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
 Lane Crawford, \$3.70 n.
 Mackintosh, \$19 b.
 Sinceres, \$11.60 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 n.
 Construction, \$4 1/4 n.
 B'one Ind. G. Bonds, \$69 1/2 b.
 H.K.C. Loan 5 1/2% Prem.

MISS SPOONER OUT TO SET A RECORD.

ATTEMPTED FLIGHT TO CAPE TOWN IN FIVE DAYS.

London, Dec. 3.
 Miss Winifred Spooner, one of
 the most distinguished British
 airwomen, accompanied by Flying
 Officer Edwards, left Croydon at
 seven o'clock this morning on an
 attempted five days' flight to Cape
 Town.

The London-Cape Town flight
 was accomplished in 9 days last
 October by the South African air-
 man, R. Cuperenthus, and in 9 1/2
 days last April by Captain Bar-
 nard and the Duchess of Bedford.
 Miss Spooner is flying a special-
 ly-fitted De Sautter monoplane,
 equipped with a 120 horsepower
 Gipsy Third engine. Seventy
 gallons of petrol is carried, giving a
 range of 1,200 miles.—British Wire-
 less.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraph
 addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Java	Tjikini	December 4.
Java	Newton Elm	December 4.
Amoy	Takada	December 4.
Java and Manila	Tjileboet	December 4.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 15th November)	Demodocus	December 4.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 15th November)	Pres. Jefferson	December 5.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers London 6th Nov. and Parcel 30th October)	Ranchi	December 5.
Calcutta and Straits	Namsang	December 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Rawalpindi	December 5.
Japan	Sydney Maru	December 5.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	December 6.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	December 6.
Manila	Empress of Asia	December 7.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjikarang	December 7.
Straits	Mirzapore	December 8.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 8.
Straits	Bochum	December 8.
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan	December 9.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco 14th Novem- ber)	Pres. Polk	December 13.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco 21st Novem- ber)	Pres. Grant	December 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 27th November)	Emp. of Canada	December 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco 20th Novem- ber)	Shinya Maru	December 17.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the
 time given below unless otherwise stated, and when mails are advertised
 to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.
 on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 4, 3 p.m.
Sami Shui and Wuchow	Chon On	Thurs., Dec. 4, 4 p.m.
Java via Sourabaya	Tjikandi	Thurs., Dec. 4, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Demodocus	Thurs., Dec. 4, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Sirdiana	Thurs., Dec. 4, 5 p.m.
*Manila and Parcel for Germany via Hamburg	Burgeland	Fri., Dec. 5, 12.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, *Australia and *New Zealand via Brisbane	Tania	Fri., Dec. 5.
	Parcel	Registration, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane 23rd Dec.)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halching	Fri., Dec. 5, 1 p.m.
Formosa	Skine Maru	Fri., Dec. 5, 2 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Sydney Maru	Fri., Dec. 5.
	Parcel	Registration, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	4.45 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane 19th Dec.)	
Japan	Ranchi	Fri., Dec. 5, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Ranchi	Fri., Dec. 5.
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rawalpindi	Sat., Dec. 6.
	K.F.O.	
	Parcel	Dec. 5, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Dec. 5, 9.00 a.m.
	Letters	10.00 a.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcel	Dec. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Registration	Dec. 5, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.50 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 2nd Jan, 1931.)	
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	Sat., Dec. 6.
	Parcel	Registration, 1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Dec. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Namsang	Sat., Dec. 6, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., Dec. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Dec. 7, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Kwangtung	Sun., Dec. 7, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumsang	Mon., Dec. 8.
	Parcel	Registration, 1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. McKinley	Mon., Dec. 8.
	Parcel	Registration, 3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 26th December)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley	Mon., Dec. 8.
	Registration	6 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Manila and Sourabaya	Tjikarang	Tues., Dec. 9, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halayang	Tues., Dec. 9, 1.00 p.m.
Calcutta via Straits	Kun Sang	Tues., Dec. 9.
	Parcel	Registration, 1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, *Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan	Tues., Dec. 9.
	K.F.O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 9th Jan, 1931.)	
	*Europe via Victoria B. C.	
Straits, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Diomed	Tues., Dec. 9.
	K.F.O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 8th Jan, 1931.)	
Swatow	Hang Sang	Tues., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
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CAN INSOMNIA BE CURED?

[By a Medical Correspondent.]

A well known Continental physician recently stated that "The misery and suffering caused by every known disease could not be more than insomnia. In these few words he summed up the truth of that terribly indeterminate condition. Insomnia is the most callous of all ailments, and the physical aspect of its effects is exceed only by the mental torture of the sufferer.

The chief characteristic of this complaint is the inability to classify it under any definite heading. There is, however, insomnia of an elementary and easily cured variety. The causes of this condition are invariably local and simply diagnosed, and consist of such symptoms as an over heavy or light bed covering, an ill chosen meal before retiring or merely overfatigue and temporary worry.

To effect a cure in such cases by removing the root of the trouble is a matter of no great difficulty. It is when the condition becomes chronic, perpetual and deep-seated in the constitution that the practitioner becomes puzzled.

Nervous Irritability.

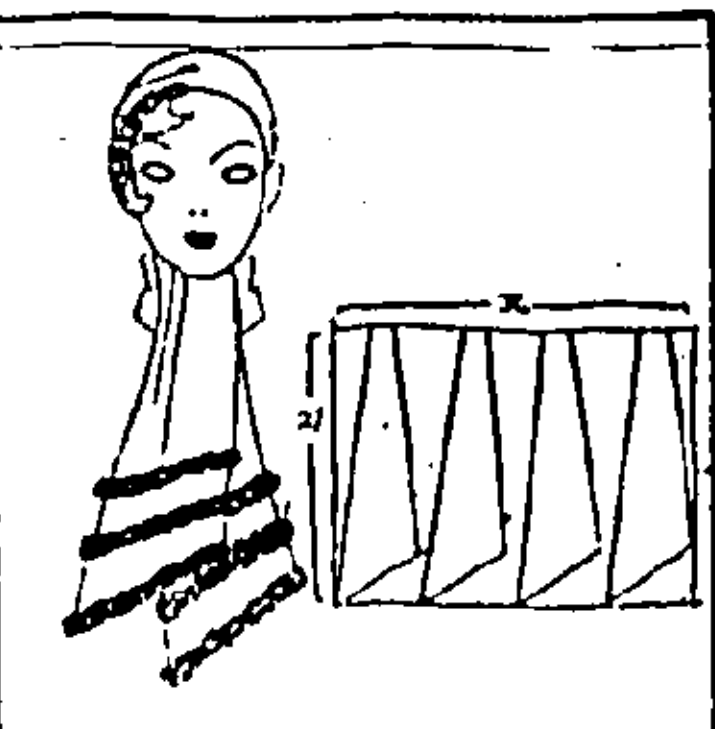
By far the greatest section of the community that suffers from sleeplessness is that composed of neurotics or people prone to constant neurosthenia. This nervous irritability, caused by overwork,

FOR XMAS.

Try Making This.

Chic and acceptable for Christmas is the velvet neck scarf with fur trimming. It is especially nice when made by hand.

To make one, take three-quarters of a yard of beige velvet, at least 36 inches wide. Cut in four strips and shape each as the ends flare. Two of these are the outside, two the inside of the scarf, joined together at the back of the



neck where rows of fur cover the seaming.

Stitch the scarf front and back together, wrong side out, except for a small portion in the back, and turn right side out by pulling through this slit left unseen. Finish by hand.

Get mink, beaver, ermine, or whatever fur you use, in narrow strips and make stripes across the ends of the scarf with it by hand-sewing on the fur. Have similar stripes across the back, both to hide the seaming and for decoration. This handsome neck scarf can be worn Arent fashion or hanging loose. It is essentially a suit neck scarf and will be particularly useful to a friend who is addicted to snobs.

When Greek Meets Chic.



Even in her dress, Alice Diplaracos (who recently won the title of "Miss Europe") upholds the traditions of classic Greek beauty, as this picture shows. Her Parisian gown of white satin and fringe has Greek inspiration in its line and feeling. And she prefers the traditional head bands of ancient Greece to any modern hair ornaments.

worry or other mental distractions in the wrong direction, manifest itself in many ways, such as exhaustion, easy loss of temper and morbid introspection. In nearly every case the exhausted person goes to bed, only to sink into a few hours of disturbed sleep followed by hours of wakefulness.

As a rule a complete change of surroundings, thorough rest and plenty of fresh air manage to effect a cure, though this is not always possible owing to individual obligations.

Every bit as difficult to cure is the person whose sleep is upset by perpetual digestive trouble, which in most cases is quite unknown to himself. Nothing is more readily conducive to wakefulness than a digestive system that is not thoroughly "in tune," and for the unfortunate sufferers from this complaint and that of neurosthenia, some sort of home cure must be found.

Exercise is an invaluable antidote to sleeplessness, and a brisk walk taken shortly before retiring is an excellent plan. Care in the choice of diet should be exercised, and light farinaceous and raw foods such as salads, corn flakes and abundant milk should feature regularly in the diet. Meat is only heating to the blood and, if the sufferer lives in a warm climate, this should, as far as possible, be kept from the diet.

Necessity of Fresh Air.

One of the most reliable cures for insomnia lies in that very remarkable product Ovaltine, which is a preparation from nature's own foods—milk, malt, and eggs, flavoured with cocoa. A glass of

hot Ovaltine taken just before going to sleep has the most remarkable and soothing effect on the digestive organs and the system generally, and adherents to this principle assert the immediate presence of a soothing and soporific glow.

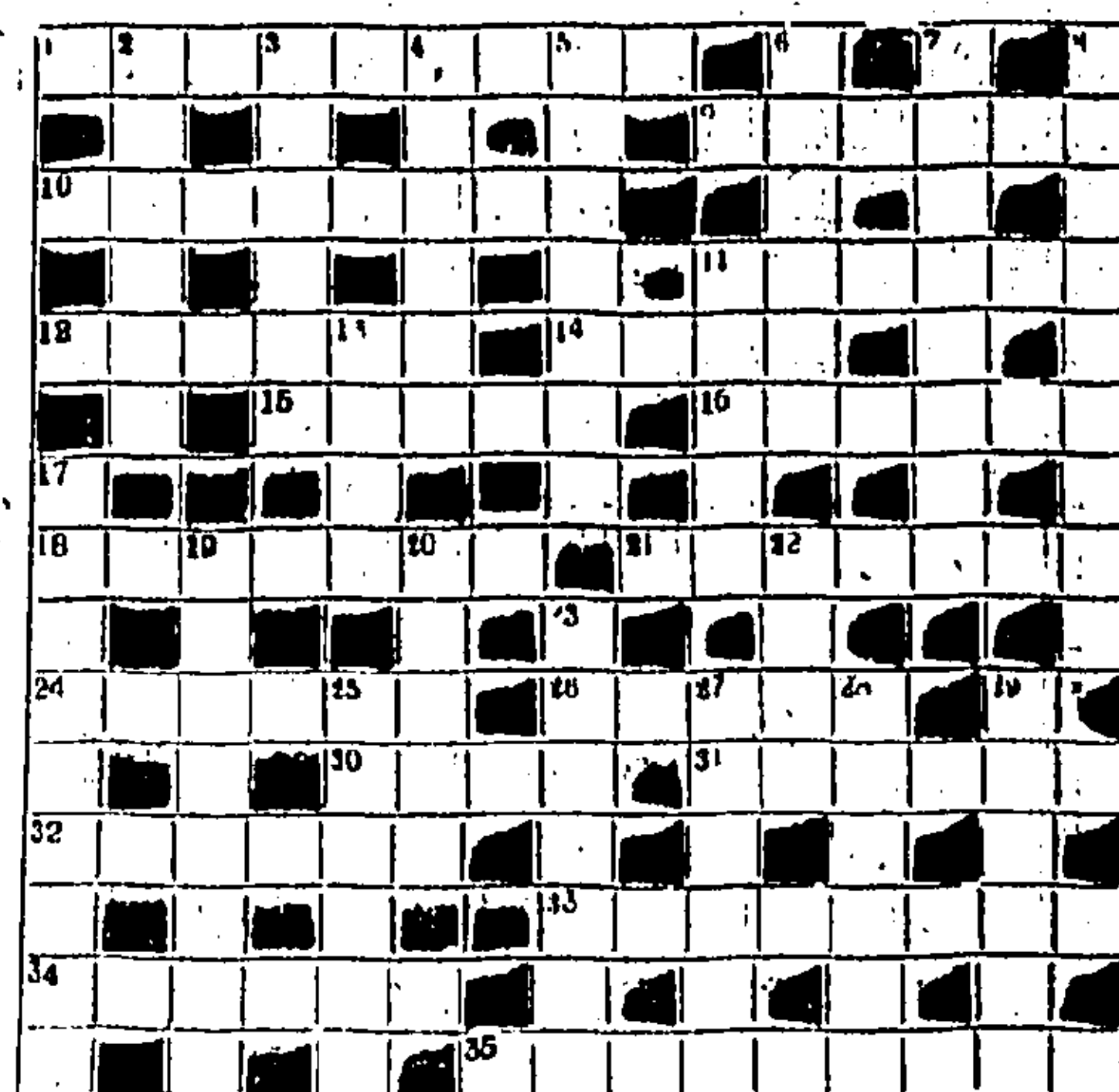
Many people are inclined to overlook the necessity for fresh air, and sleep with closed windows. Their systems become starved of oxygen and the subsequent, though unnoticed, exhaustion is a deterrent to a restful night.

Sleep and fresh air are the greatest assets on the balance sheet of health, and we all know that the latter is cheap and readily obtainable. With regard to the other it is not so easily secured, but people should bear the following principles in mind. Don't worry about trifles, be careful with regard to diet, exercise, but don't over exercise, and endeavour to subjugate your bodily discomfort to your will.

CLEANING LEATHER COATS.

When leather coats get dirty and shabby or start to crack and look dry and faded, the following simple treatment will give them a fresh lease of life. Buy a tin of saddle soap, obtainable from any harness or leather shop. Apply this soap to the leather with a pad of soft cloth, rubbing it well in and turning the pad as it gets soiled. Polish off the surplus soap with another cloth. The leather will be found to respond readily, and the coat will look clean and bright, besides regaining all its original suppleness.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across.
- This ends with noon.
 - An enclosure for cattle that is formed, almost entirely, from the skeletons of zoophytes.
 - These irritate a bull.
 - Testify.
 - A matter of temper rather than temperament.
 - This major was never a subaltern.
 - Guide this into 9 across.
 - "I'll make the laws of nature mine, and—the universe in wine."—T. Moore ("Odes of Anacreon").
 - Wolfe—the Heights of Abraham.
 - "Say I am" (anag.).
 - Pass this—it may please.
 - Terrify.
 - Responsibility that is only on us.
 - Things that are on this may create much talk.
 - One of the rivers of Paradise.
 - Spurs might be so described.
 - The kind of diet that is best for most persons.
 - Warlike.
- Down.
- If you were to rob this companion of a letter he would become a perfect devil.
 - How is your pal in Germany, Ewen—desperately in love still? (hidden).
 - A blockhead who, with another head, would be a dog.
 - This clue is not very clear.
 - "All men think all men—but themselves."—Young's "Night Thoughts."
 - The way in which 2 down might be expected to act.
 - No true 2 down.
 - This shivers, even on the hottest day.
 - A fragment out of a moat.
 - "I save rest" (anag.).
 - One may see orange blossom here.
 - There is nothing odd about these.
 - He walked delicately.
 - Go by four in suffering.
 - An evening party.
 - This post is never filled.
 - Pertaining to the Letts.
 - What the devout lover does.

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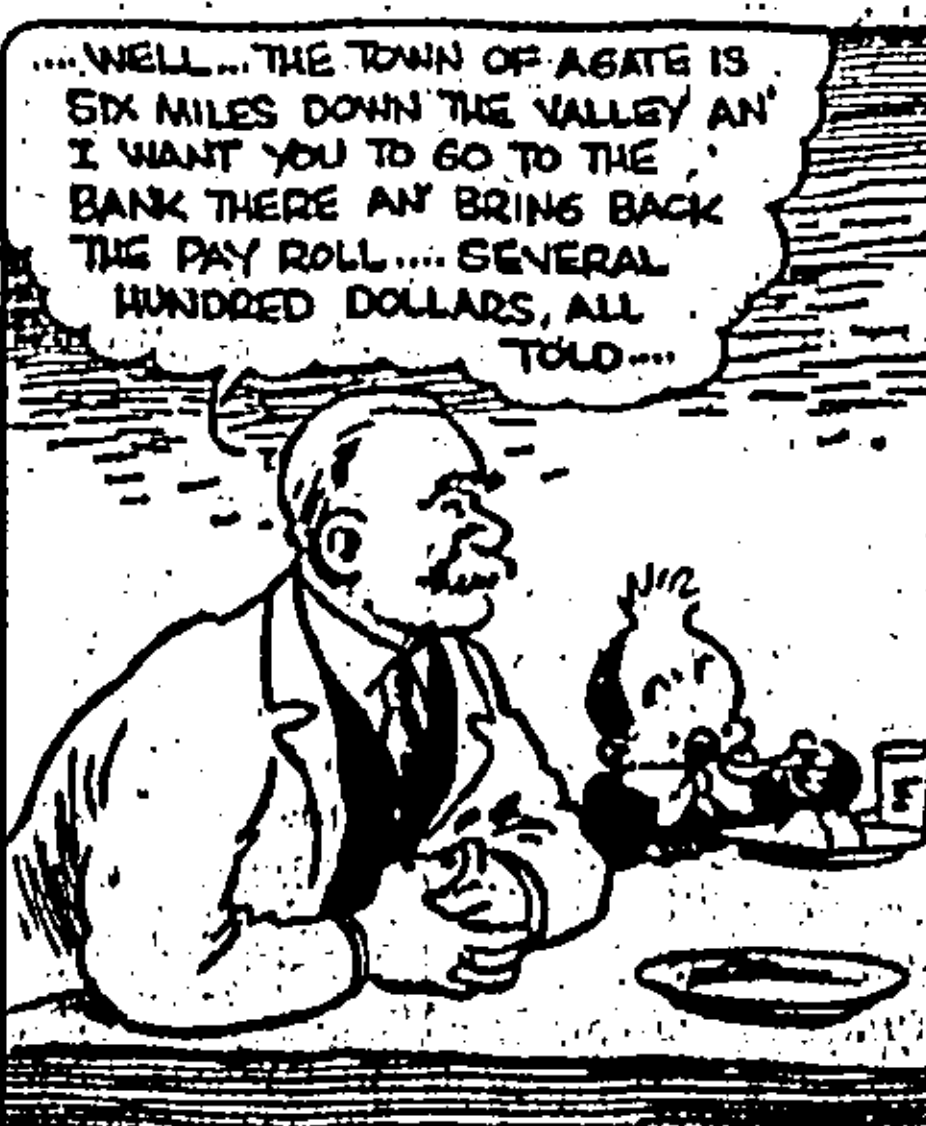
The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. James Edwin Auvache, residing at the Kowloon Hotel, to Rose Rawlinson, No. 28, Harrowby Road, Seaford, Liverpool, who is travelling to Hongkong on board the s.s. Kashima Maru.

During the year 1929, eleven hundred and sixty-six mendicants were arrested and dealt with by the Police. Of the mendicants sent away, a considerable percentage were sent out of the Colony more than once, says the annual report of the I.G.P.

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SILVER AND GOLD PROBLEMS.

The continued decline in the value of silver, accompanied by a steady rise in gold prices, is raising fresh monetary and economic problems. As present tendencies are having a serious effect on world trade, it is not to be wondered at that all manner of schemes have been put forward for securing a readjustment of existing conditions. Lord Bradbourne's suggestion for the remonetisation of silver is, we take it, a plea for bimetalism. It gains strength from the fact that, apart from the effect on gold prices of the drop in silver, all indications point to an eventual shortage in gold supplies. This latter question has recently been investigated by a special committee of the League of Nations, whose interim report indicates the necessity of concerted international action if a serious crisis is to be averted.

Since Britain returned to the gold standard five years ago, many criticisms have been uttered regarding the alleged inexpediency of that policy. Its effect on British trade, particularly on production costs, have been described as disastrous. Be that as it may, there can be no disputing the fact that Britain, like all other countries, is suffering as a consequence of the growing disparity between gold and silver. It may be well to explain here, for the benefit of the uninitiated, that bimetalism, of which we all do not hear a good deal in the near future, is not a question of the use of both gold and silver coins, but, rather, the employment of both metals as a standard. In countries which have a gold standard, silver and copper coins are merely tokens. Bimetalism implies a recognition of both metals in the same ratio of value, a difference which will easily be realised when we take account of the manner in which the two are now becoming completely divorced from each other.

It is obvious, however, that in a matter of this kind, involving so many complicated factors, no one nation can afford to act alone. The whole issue is one for international agreement. Only by widespread action can silver be brought back to its true relation to gold. When Lord Bradbourne talks of remonetisation of silver at a price of about two shillings per ounce he is probably using this figure in no arbitrary sense;

the main thing is to restore the relation between the two metals. Any step in that direction would automatically send up silver, for the simple reason that the increased demand would have that effect.

Here in Hongkong, we are intensely interested in this question because the continued slump in silver is creating a situation which is fast becoming intolerable. The votes which are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this afternoon tell their tale of the extra costs which ratepayers have to bear because the Government works on a system of receiving its revenue in silver and paying out large sums in sterling. And as the drop continues, the more money is needed to bridge the difference. The effects on the cost of living do not require any emphasis; they are all too painfully apparent. Of larger concern is the practical cutting off of the China markets to gold standard nations, consequent on the lower purchasing power of the Chinese people owing to the fall in silver. This latter development is one of worldwide concern, and in the long run it may prove an important factor in securing some international approach to the whole monetary and economic problem.

America's Problems.

President Hoover's message to the "lame duck" session of Congress reflects the industrial depression in the United States in a dozen different ways. The loss of revenue has been tremendous, unemployment offers a serious national problem requiring special emergency measures, and immigration laws are to be subject to further revision. In spite of the fact that the recent election indicated vigorous dissatisfaction with economic conditions, however, the President consistently refuses to find justification for gloom. The normal activities and incomes of America, he says, have not been restricted by more than 15 to 20 per cent. The number of distressed families, he claims, represent only 10 to 20 per cent. of the calculated number of unemployed. He adds that recuperation is retarded by unwarranted fear and apprehension, and supports his belief by declaring that unemployment relief commitments covering a period beyond the next six months are unnecessary. Nevertheless, it is difficult to escape an impression that President Hoover has been resourceful in the use of materials for painting his picture so remarkably free from shadows. Not a word is to be found on Prohibition, America's biggest problem outside unemployment, though this may be explained by the fact that the Wickersham Committee on law enforcement and crime investigations has not yet submitted its Report. A tendency to minimise the disaster of the depression is apparent. A recent traveller in America, back for the first time for two years, was shocked by the change in the outlook of business men as well as by the evidences of curtailment of commerce. On his first visit, the possibility of a depression would have been treated as a jest. Today, he says, business men are practically incapable of response to a call for courage. This may be lurking in the shadows with strokes a trifle too heavy, but there is reason to believe that President Hoover is equally extreme in his optimism.

Li Sui-ping, a herbalist, his son and a folk were to-day committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on charges of conspiracy and arson in connexion with a fire which occurred at their shop at 177, Wing Lok Street. Another folk, who appeared on these joint charges, was discharged.

A Chinese pleaded guilty, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, to having cut and taken away growing grass from the garden of Miss M. B. Alwee, off Prince Edward Road. He was fined \$10, or two weeks' imprisonment.

In connexion with the defalcations by Carvalho Yee, Treasury Water Account clerk, it is stated in the annual report of the Audit Office that the amount involved, \$15,829.05, has been written off, on the authority of the Secretary of State.

DAY BY DAY

INVENTION IS THE TALENT OF YOUTH, AND JUDGMENT OF AGE.—Swift.

The s.s. St. Albans, with the Australian mails, is due here at daylight on Saturday.

T. P. and O. S. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 1st December at 5 a.m.

Part of the property stolen from the dining room of 35, Conduit Road, the residence of Mrs. Kawana, on Saturday, has been recovered by the police in a pawnshop.

The annual report of the Inspector General of Police for 1929 shows that the total establishment was 2,207, comprising 253 Europeans, 730 Indians, 744 Chinese, and 241 members of the Water Police.

A Chinese girl, aged twelve years, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from scalds to her head and face, caused by upsetting a pot of hot tea. Her condition is not serious.

In an attempt to commit suicide, Chan Tam-po, aged 85 of 21, Yee Wo Street, took an overdose of opium, but not sufficient to have any serious effects. He has been removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A brief report has reached the local authorities from the manager of the Texas Company at Gin Drinkers' Bay to the effect that a fire broke out at a matchless in the Kwai Chung Village yesterday and that a child had been badly injured.

A report to the police from Mrs. Andrews, of 7, Pratt Buildings Kowloon, is to the effect that some time between 9 p.m. on Monday and 6 a.m. yesterday someone entered the basement of her house and stole silver ornaments and clothing to the value of \$36.

Suffering from injuries received at the Kowloon Godowns, where he is alleged to have been attacked by a number of men, a tally-man named Kwong Kee (25) has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. He was not seriously hurt, however.

The annual exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club will be held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant (front room) and not at China Buildings as previously advertised. The exhibition will be held on December 10th and 11th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The admission is 50 cents.

The disappearance of a "boy" employed by the Sang Lee Co., building contractors, of 527, Hon-nessy Road, has been reported to the police. It was stated that the "boy," named Leung Chung-hing, had absconded with a sum of \$928 which he is alleged to have taken from the accountants' desk after having broken open a drawer.

EVELYN WAUGH on

IS OXFORD WORTH WHILE?

LAST week and I went down to Oxford for an undergraduate party. It is near the end of term, and half the guests were just out of the schools in the middle of their final examinations. They replied to polite inquiries about their progress: "Oh, I don't know. With any luck in my vita I may scrape a second"—which is the stock answer of everyone who hopes for a first. I said that six years ago. I got a third.

I have reached the age when most of my friends in the University are done. They go on, term after term, hospitable, malicious, unchanged. It was an unusual experience to see so many undergraduates, most of them in the last days of their last year, in the absurd white bow ties that are supposed to convey an academic appearance. It set me wondering whether Oxford had been worth while.

£1,000 for a Degree. When parents and schoolmasters ask themselves and each other that question they often mean only one thing: Is the money spent on university education a sound capital investment? From three to four years of a young man's life, at an age when he might be earning a certain amount of money, are occupied instead in spending it. The amount, of course, varies a great deal from one man to another, but I suppose that it costs on the average about £1,000 to take a degree.

Is there a corresponding increase in the graduate's earning capacity? Would the money have been better employed at some technical training college?

From this point of view, as far as I can judge from my own experience and that of my friends, Oxford is certainly not worth while. When I went down the only job I could get was that of teaching elementary classics to turbulent little boys at the salary of £160 a year. Of my contemporaries only one is earning "real money"; he is a film star at Hollywood; incidentally he was not down for failing to pass his preliminary schools.

Another friend, on the other hand, took high honours in Mods and Greats and has also devoted himself to cinema work. He gets a part in the crowd at Ealing about once a month. Another scholar who took a double first and was president of the Junior Common Room has become a curate.

Another friend who had an exemplary career in all branches of University life was for a month last year actually starving until he was discovered; another, who had a brilliant reputation among his fellow-undergraduates, lives in a dingy bed-sitting room and does occasional reviews for journals of precarious financial stability.

As far as direct monetary returns are considered, our parents would have done far better to have packed us off to Monte Carlo to try our luck at the tables.

But, of course, that is a narrow and silly way to regard education. A much more pertinent question is:

Do Oxford and Cambridge maintain a tradition of genuine culture? To judge by the blank faces and blundering conversation of the young man in a London ballroom one would suspect that they did not. To judge by the decoration of my tutor's rooms, one would say with certainty that they did not. Oxford is not up to date in the latest theories of aesthetics and psychology from Berlin and Paris. Many of the colleges are far from hygienic. A great number of the undergraduates express the heartfelt contempt for everything to do with Art or intellect.

But there is another side. Oxford is architecturally a city of peculiar grace and magnificence, and it is impossible for anyone, however deep his apparent preoccupation with hunting or golf or bridge, to live there for three or four years without being influenced by it. All the misunderstanding of the value of university life seems to me to come from two extreme heresies. On the one hand are those who expect a University to be a kind of insurance company into which so much "money" is paid and from which so much, eventually, is extracted. They expect a B.A. degree to be a badge which will gain them instant preference over poorer competitors, and in nine cases out of ten they are disappointed.

On the other hand, there are those who expect Oxford to be like an Oxford novel. A place of easy living, subtle conversation, and illuminating friendships. They expect it to be a kind of microcosm of eighteenth-century Whig society, combined with an infinitely sophisticated modernism. They, too, are disappointed.

A Chance to Grow Up. The truth is that Oxford is simply a very beautiful city in which it is convenient to segregate a certain number of the young of the nation while they are growing up. It is absurd to pretend that a boy of eighteen, however sound he has been as a school prefect, is a fully grown man. Those who choose or are obliged to begin regular, remunerative, responsible work at the moment they leave school, particularly if they have had a fairly carefully tended adolescence, often show signs of a kind of arrested development.

It is just because Oxford keeps them back from their careers that it is of most value. It gives them another four years in which to grow up gradually. It puts them out of the way of their fellow-citizens while they are making fools of themselves. They can learn to get drunk or not to get drunk; they can edit their own papers and air their opinions; they can learn how to give parties; they can find out before they are too busy what really amuses and excites them; and they can do all this in a town by themselves.

After that they can begin on the dreary and futile jobs that wait for most of them, with a great deal more chance of keeping their sense of humour and self-respect.



"What a wonderful marriage! Her face and his fortune."
"Yes, dearie, they've both been lifted."

THE STREET BOYS' CLUB.**HOW LADS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SAVE.****ENGLISH LESSONS.**

Some interesting particulars of the Street Boys' Club are contained in the report of the Inspector General of Police for 1929.

The membership of the Club was 27, and during the year two boys found employment, one as a carpenter's apprentice at the Wing Yick Co., and one as an assistant cook at the Naval Yard.

Nine boys were employed as messengers and eleven in selling goods in the streets, being given free hawking licenses for that purpose. Seven boys were at the St. Louis Industrial School.

The boys employed as messengers are encouraged to save \$2 a month from their pay. Other boys save at the rate of five cents a day or more as their funds permit. They saved \$333 during the year.

The funds of the Club on December 31st amounted to \$3,926.83.

Thanks to the enterprise of Mrs. Southern, a school was started at the Club for English and Chinese Classes three nights a week, one hour Chinese and one hour English. The average attendance at each Chinese and English Class was 16 and 17 boys respectively. Progress in Chinese has been good and the boys are now learning the 4th book of the Hongkong Vernacular Reader. Progress in English is fair.

CANTON'S DEBT TO HONGKONG.**REFERRED TO SECRETARY OF STATE.**

It is stated in the annual report of the Audit Office that the claims against the Chinese Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway on account of suspension of through and joint sectional traffic, hire of rolling stock, and demurrage, which stood at \$997,596.21 at the end of 1928, increased by \$25,966.40 in respect of suspension of traffic during 1929, making a total of \$1,023,562.61 outstanding at the end of 1929.

The debts in respect of demurrage and hire of rolling stock for the year 1929 were accepted by the Administration of the Chinese Section and the accounts adjusted.

The claims for suspension of traffic for 1929-1929 and demurrage of wagons for 1924 and 1925 were however not accepted, and the question of the adjustment of the claim of \$1,021,562.61 has been referred to the Secretary of State.

JAPANESE SKIPPER FINED.**PORT REGULATIONS WHICH DIFFER.**

Capt. Kaneke, master of the s.s. Koshiro Maru, appeared before the Hon. Commr. G.F. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, in answer to a summons against him for (a) failing to register his arrival in harbour on November 14, and (b) failing to obtain a clearance before leaving the harbour.

In pleading guilty to both charges, defendant informed his Worship that he did not know the regulations of the port. In Japan, it was not necessary to register the arrival or departure of a vessel if she stayed in port for less than 24 hours. In this particular case, he stayed in harbour for less than 24 hours and he therefore thought that it was not necessary for him to report to the Harbour Office.

Defendant was fined \$50 or one month on each count. If the fines were not paid, sentences were to run consecutively.

YOUNG CADET'S DEATH.**FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY THIS MORNING.**

The funeral of Eric Hunt, the 16 year-old ship's cadet, who met his death under such tragic circumstances yesterday, was conducted by the Rev. T. G. Waldegrave at the Happy Valley cemetery this morning, the obsequies being attended by representatives of the China Coast Officers' Guild and Messrs. Dodwell and Co.

Those present included Messrs. J. T. Warren, W. Wright and D. Harvey (Messrs. Dodwell and Co.), and Capt. Laursen, representing the Merchant Navy.

Floral tributes were sent from deceased's mother and father, James Chambers and Co., Dodwell and Co., Capt. Lee, Officers, engineers and cadets of the Manchester Castle, and the China Coast Officers' Guild.

WORK OF THE FIRE BRIGADE.**OVER TWO HUNDRED CALLS LAST YEAR.****FOURTEEN LIVES LOST.**

It is revealed in the annual report of the Fire Brigade that the cost of the Brigade in 1929 was \$232,826.21, compared with \$197,222.37 in the previous year and \$190,350.27 in 1927. Special expenditure amounting to \$46,340.28 is included.

The total strength of the staff was 281, all but 11 of whom were Chinese. During the year 39 Chinese members resigned, 10 were dismissed and 20 absconded, 56 recruits were enrolled and trained as firemen and passed out of the drill class into the Brigade while 18 men were engaged and appointed to fill vacancies in other ranks of the Department.

Resulting from the number of collisions with motor fire appliances the question was considered during the year of trying White Russian drivers. Three such drivers were engaged in June, 1929, and so far the experiment has proved satisfactory.

The number of calls received during the year totalled 237. Actual fires 182, chimney fires 14, collapses 6 and false alarms 36. Compared with the previous year there is an increase of 25 calls.

There were 10 serious fires. Fourteen persons lost their lives or received such injuries that they subsequently succumbed. Nine persons received minor injuries from which they recovered. Twelve persons were rescued by means of the Fire Brigade appliances. Five persons were extricated alive by the Brigade from collapses.

Eleven members of the Brigade were injured in the execution of their duty.

CLEVERLY HIDDEN OPIUM.**WOMAN HEAVILY FINED AT MAGISTRACY.**

Charged before Mr. Lindsell this morning with the possession of 21 tacks of contraband opium, a Chinese woman pleaded that the stuff was left in her keeping by an elder sister, who had gone into the country and died.

She further said that she did not know what the stuff was, although admitting having it with her for a period of more than two months. After her sister died, she said, she did not think even of opening the parcels.

Revenue Officer Grimmett stated that three parcels containing the opium were found secreted in the beams of the roof, two other parcels behind a panel, and another in a washstand. Boxes were also discovered which had false sides and bottoms.

A fine of \$2,000, or six months, was inflicted.

KEROSENE DANGER TO BOATS.**JUNK MASTER FINED AT MARINE COURT.**

"If your boat catches fire, it is not you I am worrying about, but you endanger the lives of other people in the vicinity as your craft is anchored together with the others at Shaikwan," said the Hon. Commr. Hole at the Marine Court this morning when the master of a junk was charged with anchoring at Shaikwan, instead of at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, with a cargo of kerosene.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that the defendant's boat was anchored among many others at Shaikwan and had 16 tons of kerosene on board.

His Worship remarked that he had always punished this type of offence very severely, as other people's lives were endangered by carelessness.

A fine of \$75, with the alternative of two months' hard labour, was imposed.

Mr. Ph. C. Visser will deliver a Lecture entitled "The Fourth Karakorum Expedition" in the Great Hall of the University, on Monday, 8th December, at 8.30 p.m. The Lecture is organised by the Arts Association, and will be illustrated with lantern slides.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Leo Well, of "Albion," Folkestone, and Miss Veronica Marjory Joffe, of 17 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, will take place at the Jewish Synagogue on January 4, 1931.

During 1929 the Hongkong police picked up 2,033 dead bodies in the streets and elsewhere, which is 363 more than in 1928 and the highest figure for five years. No fewer than 1,851 were bodies of children.

HAWKER SENT TO PRISON.**FOR RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.**

In Sing, an itinerant hawker, was charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with having broken into No. 143, Lai Chi Kok Road and stealing therefrom a quilt and a blanket, the property of Chang Chuk-kung. An alternative charge of receiving was also preferred. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

A Chinese detective said he saw the defendant walking in Ye Kuk Street towards Nam Chong Street carrying the quilt with him. As his suspicions were aroused, he started after the defendant, who, seeing him coming, dropped the quilt and bolted. Witness chased defendant and arrested him. He took him to the Shamshuipo Police Station, where the complainant identified the quilt as his. The blanket had not yet been recovered.

Complainant said he left his house at about 10 a.m. yesterday. When he returned at about 12.45 p.m., he found the bottom of the door damaged. He entered and made the discovery that the quilt and a blanket had been stolen.

"A man gave the quilt to me while I was waiting at the Shamshuipo ferry wharf, and asked me to pawn it for him promising me fifty cents," said the defendant. He added: "The detective arrived on the scene at that moment and the man bolted with the blanket."

Mr. Butters convicted the defendant of receiving and sentenced him to six weeks' imprisonment.

MR. SHINWELL AND THE I.L.P.**A CAUSTIC LETTER.**

Mr. F. Shinwell, M.P., the Secretary for Mines, has sent a caustic letter to the Secretary of the Independent Labour Party.

It appears that the Secretary had asked Mr. Shinwell, as a member of the I.L.P., whether he was prepared to become a member of the reconstituted I.L.P. Parliamentary group. Mr. Shinwell remarks that he is already a member of the I.L.P. Parliamentary group, that his Parliamentary candidature has been endorsed by the West Lothian I.L.P. Federation and the National Administrative Council, and "unless you can furnish sound reasons why I should be excluded, I shall continue to regard myself as a member."

Mr. Shinwell interprets the letter as expecting him, in certain circumstances, to oppose the Government, and points out that the Chairman of the group, Mr. Maxton, has definitely stated at a meeting that one test of loyalty to the I.L.P. is to vote against the Government a few times in the course of a Session. Then Mr. Shinwell asks a few questions on his own account. He asks whether the I.L.P. expects him, as a member of the Government, to vote against it or to resign; also since when has it been the policy since to refuse to allow its members to join a Labour Government. He suggests that, if the I.L.P. wishes to retain its affiliation to the Labour Party, it should accept the decisions of the Labour Party conference.

SECRET SERVICE REWARDS.**WHAT HONGKONG PAYS TO INFORMERS.**

The annual report of the Audit Office for 1929 states that the total receipts of the Imports and Exports Reward Fund, which are derived from fines forfeitures and sale of confiscated articles, amounted to \$59,132.00. This figure includes the balance of \$34,149.83 carried forward from the 1928 Account. This procedure was adopted on account of the decrease in receipts under this Head in 1928, when the payments would have exceeded the receipts had not the latter been considerably augmented by the sale of a quantity of confiscated drugs through the Crown Agents.

The payments of rewards to informers during the year 1929 amounted to \$39,647.71, the balance of \$20,484.29 being carried forward to the 1930 Account.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone, central over N.W. Korea, is moving eastward. Strong to fresh monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: North winds; strong, moderating slightly; overcast at first, improving later.

Yesterday's health return shows one case each of typhoid, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

CHANGTEH TAKEN FROM REDS.**NANKING'S ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN.****KIANGSI'S FLIGHT.**

Shanghai, Dec. 3. The Hunan Provincial Government reports that the Government troops have recaptured Changteh, in Northern Hunan, from the bandits who have retreated towards the Hunan-Honan frontier.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is leaving this week-end for Kiangsi, in the company of General Hsiang Shih-hui, Garrison Commander of Greater Shanghai, to direct the war against the Communists. Official belief is that General Hsiang Shih-hui may be appointed as the new Military Governor of Kiangsi.

With the gradual suppression of Communists in Southern Kiangsi, the Provincial Government has telegraphed to Nanking suggesting the issue, in the name of the Kiangsi Government, of Treasury bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of rehabilitation of the Province. Since many last, Kiangsi Communist bandits have been responsible for the destruction of about 100,000 houses while over 90,000 innocent people have been massacred. The damage to property is estimated at millions of dollars, while 1,400,000 people have been reduced to a state of starvation, thousands being homeless.

DIVORCE TRAP FOR BARONET.**DID NOT KNOW WOMAN WAS MARRIED.**

A plot by a man and his wife to catch a 74-years-old baronet in a compromising position in the flat which he provided for the woman was described in the Divorce Court recently.

An application, said to be without precedent, was made in a suit in which Mr. Henry Gladwin Grayson, an estate agent of Marlborough-place, St. John's Wood, N.W., obtained a decree nisi with costs and £500 damages on November 15 last on the ground of adultery between his wife and Sir Guy Sebright.

The case was not defended, but later the King's Proctor intervened, with the result that the decree was rescinded. The questions of the payment out to Sir Guy of the damages and the King's Proctor's costs arose.

The Disappearing Husband.

Mr. W. N. Stable, for the King's Proctor, contended that this was a case where the King's Proctor ought to be paid his costs as a condition of Sir Guy recovering the £500. "The wife had been the mistress for some time of the respondent, who did not know apparently that Mrs. Grayson was a married woman. A flat was provided by the co-respondent for the wife, where the husband also resided, and the husband, when it was suspected that the co-respondent would call, would conveniently disappear."

Apparently, said Mr. Stable, the generosity of Sir Guy had its limits, but these two people, thinking they could get more money out of him, staged a surprise visit when the wife would be caught with a *flagrant delicto* with Sir Guy. Then the husband fled a divorce petition, claiming £3,000 damages, but only recovered £500.

Blackmailing.

Mr. Justice Bateson: It looks as if they succeeded in blackmailing the co-respondent and now the co-respondent wants the damages. Mr. Stable: I am told that the petitioner and his wife are people of no substance, and the question is whether the costs of the King's Proctor's intervention should fall on the taxpayer or on the co-respondent.

Mr. Justice Bateson said as he understood the case husband and wife put their heads together to catch Sir Guy in a compromising position so that the husband, by divorcing his wife, could get damages against Sir Guy, the latter not knowing that the woman was married.

Sir Guy was no party to the trick which was being played on him by which the husband obtained £500 damages. Neither was Sir Guy a party to the King's Proctor's intervention.

In the circumstances it did not seem right that Sir Guy should pay those costs. The £500 damages would be paid out to Sir Guy's solicitor and the petition dismissed, with costs against both husband and wife.

No fewer than 868 dogs were destroyed by the police in 1929, as compared with 1,025 in 1928. There were 3,570 licensed dogs in the Colony, compared with 3,978 in 1928.

MISTAKEN ZEAL OF AN OFFICER.**YACHT INQUIRY DECISIONS.****AN HOUR LOST.**

The coastguard system was not efficient in that it did not provide for a proper manning of all the stations in which a look-out was necessary in the weather conditions prevailing.

This was one of the findings of the Court of Inquiry, appointed on the application of the Board of Trade as the result of the loss on the Cornish coast of the yacht *Jalander*, in which Commodore H. D. King, M.P., and five companions were drowned. At the inquest, the jury, in a rider, said there was laxity in coast watching.

The possibility of a further inquiry was mentioned when the findings of the court were announced.

The Commissioner (Mr. E. A. Digby, K.C.) announced the findings of the court which are here summarised:

Had the *Lantivet* but been manned the alarm would have reached the coastguards shortly after 8.30, nearly an hour would have been saved, and the chances of success would have been greatly increased.

Three of the weather reports sent from stations to Looe were inaccurate. Air Ministry records showed that at 6 p.m. the wind exceeded that at which a bad weather watch should have been set. No such watch was set at any station in the Looe district until 7.

The system of manning alternative stations was introduced by District Officer Smith without the approval of his inspector. He did not appear to have understood the principles which should underlie the system.

Not Accepted.

On the night of the wreck he made dispositions which left a long stretch of coast, including the dangerous area, the Udder Rock unwatched altogether until 8 p.m.

The Court did not accept the district officer's explanation that when he ordered bad weather watch at Polperro, Fowey and Port Winkle at 10 p.m. he intended 8 p.m.

The permanent staff in the Looe district was only just sufficient for keeping bad weather watches provided bad weather was not prolonged and every coastguard was available for watchkeeping duties.

Captain Moss, the Divisional Inspector, should have been aware that the alternative system of watchkeeping had been introduced and should have taken steps to see it was being carried out under proper safeguards.

Serious as were the errors committed by District Officer Smith, they had their origin in the mistaken-and-misplaced-sense-and-not-in-conscious-and-willful neglect of duty.

Faulty Dispositions.

Station-Officer Ross should have appreciated how faulty were the dispositions made by District Officer Smith and should have called his attention to them.

Mr. Smith, the District Officer, did not take adequate measures to ascertain what the weather conditions were, and was not justified in arriving at the conclusions he reached.

The Board of Trade instructions as to setting bad weather watches were not complied with by Mr. Smith, but Station-Officer Ross committed no breach of regulations.

In view of the errors and omissions disclosed, the Court suggested that a comprehensive inquiry before a more appropriate tribunal might be necessary.

LATE SIR J. NORTON GRIFFITHS.**LEAVES ESTATE VALUED AT £5,392.**

London, Dec. 3. The late Sir John Norton Griffiths left estate of a gross value of £5,392, with net personality nil.

Sir John Norton Griffiths was found dead at Alexandria on September 27, having apparently shot himself. He had previously had trouble with the Egyptian Government over the Assuan Dam contract.

According to the annual report of the Captain Superintendent of Police, the estimated value of property stolen during the year was \$560,485.55 as against \$478,020.08 in 1928, an increase of \$82,465.47 or 17.2%. The average for the last 5 years is \$545,152.20. The value of property recovered during the year was \$97,017.32 or 11% of the value of the property stolen, as against \$74,702.03 or 16% of the property stolen in 1928, a decrease of 4% in ratio between the property stolen and property recovered.

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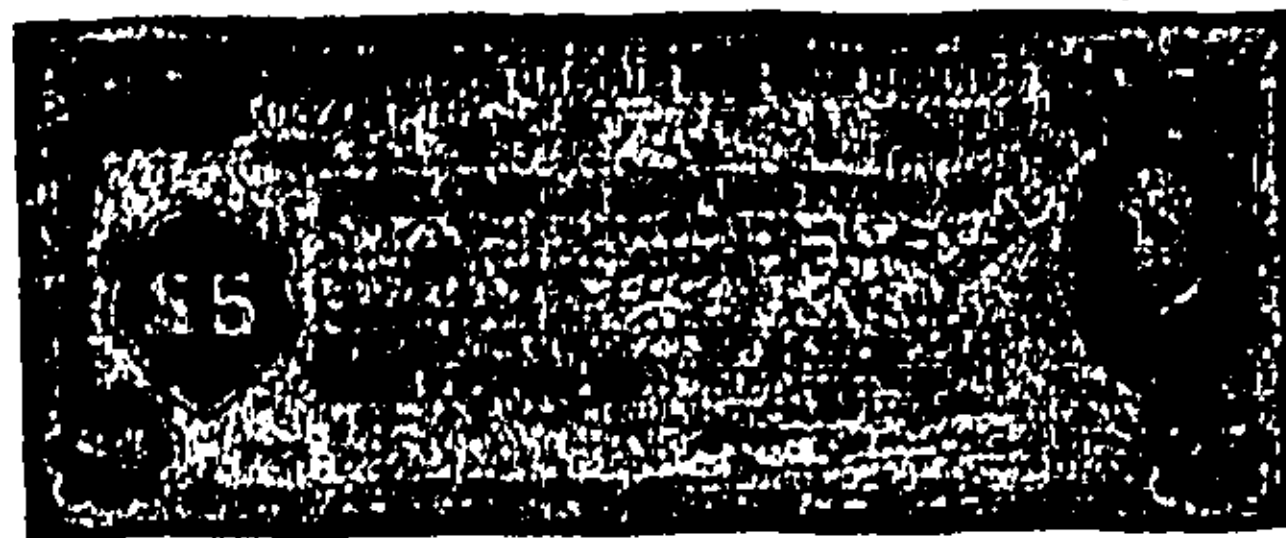
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ANOTHER CRACK CONTEST.

SIGN. MORRIS TO FIGHT
BEGGIE.

[By "Wanderer."]

Another bout of considerable interest has been arranged for Saturday's boxing tournament at which Stoker Percy Lake is meeting A. B. Dobson for the Colony's lightweight championship.

Signalman Morris, former holder of Colony's welter and middle-weight titles, has been matched with A. B. Beggie, of H.M.S. Berwick, who has a splendid record, including drawn contests with Jack Crichton and Jim Cartledge. Incidentally he won the championship of the China Squadron this year. Signalman Morris has just returned to the championship in his class at the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Tournament. The Beggie-Morris contest will be over ten rounds, and it should provide a contest equal in merit to the little bout.

The contestants have finished training and all report fighting fit. Stoker Lake has been made favourite for the title, but Dobson expresses the utmost confidence. "I shall fight him off his feet," he said yesterday.

LADIES' GOLF.

DRAW FOR THE TAGGART
CUP CONTEST.

In the Captain's Cup competition for the ladies' section of the Golf Club, Mrs. Parker qualified, 97—19—78.

The draw for the Taggart Cup is as follows:

Byes.—Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Whyte-Smith, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Gilmore v. Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Penrose v. Mrs. Dodwell, Mrs. Newbigging v. Mrs. Dovey, Mrs. Cassidy v. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Langston v. Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Evans v. Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Bonnar v. Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Worley v. Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Sommerfelt v. Mrs. Wild, Mrs. Stewart v. Mrs. Ferguson.

1st Round, December 18th; 2nd Round, January 2nd; 3rd Round, January 16th; 4th Round, January 30th; final, February 13th.

ARMY V. NAVY.

CRICKET MATCH FOR
SATURDAY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Garrison in a match against the Royal Navy at King's Park on Saturday commencing at 2 p.m.: Lieut. A. H. Mussen, Royal Artillery (Capt.), Cpl. W. T. Davies (R.A.M.C.), Lieut. R. V. Dewar-Durie (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), 2/Lieut. A. C. Hamilton (South Wales Borderers), Lieut. J. Hazlewood (Royal Artillery), Capt. R. G. Lochner (South Wales Borderers), Lieut. J. K. Macfarlane (H.K.S.R.A.), L/C. R. Robson (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), 2/Lieut. A. J. Stoker (South Wales Borderers), Lieut. M. Warring (H.K.S.R.A.), Capt. N. Thorp (Headquarter Staff).

HOLE IN ONE.

ANOTHER NAME ADDED TO
THE FANLING LIST.

Whilst playing at Fanling, on November 28th, in a four-ball foursome, Commander G. P. Bowen, of H.M.S. Kent, holed "The Gen" (the 12th hole on the Old Course) in one stroke.

EMPIRE SOCIETY
ON INDIA.

MORE DEPUTY-GOVERNORS
ADVOCATED.

EGYPTIAN MODEL.

A dozen of the most eminent British administrators in India during the past few years have reported to the Royal Empire Society on the practicability of the Simon Commission's proposals from the point of view of the man who will have to see fair play and keep the peace when the change comes.

The former Governor of Assam, Sir John Kerr, was the chairman of the committee, and among his colleagues were General Sir George Barrow, who advised on the military aspects of the problem, such Civil Servants as Sir Henry Lawrence, the solidity and soundness of whose administrative work in the Bombay Presidency were everywhere admitted, and leading commercial men such as Sir Charles McLeod.

Elected Spokesmen.

The Kerr Committee think the Provincial and Indian Parliament proposed by the Simon Commission would be too large and the electorate too large enough. The latter decision is surprising because the Simon Commission proposed to extend the present electorate from 6,000,000 to 20,000,000 while suggesting in their first volume that the administrative machinery had been strained by the task of dealing with existing voters.

Fearing oligarchy and town rule, the Kerr Committee advocate enfranchising 100,000,000 villagers, to be divided into groups of 20, each group electing orally in their villages one mukhi or multipiece. The 6,000,000 voting spokesmen would form the electoral colleges for the illiterate electors, and their candidates for Parliament would be confined to elected mukhis.

Electoral registrars would superintend in groups of districts, and the illiterate electors would continue to vote directly by ballot as now.

The Committee say: "We have put this question of the franchise in the forefront because we believe it to be fundamental. In our judgment, there can be no successful advance in responsible government unless it can be arranged for all interests in the country to be represented in reasonable and vigilant electorates, capable of exercising a real freedom of choice upon a discrimination between policies rather than a preference for individuals."

The Women's Vote.

On the subject of women's franchise in India the Kerr Committee say: "The Commission propose, if we have understood them aright, to increase the number of women voters from 268,000 to 6,500,000 straight away, and to some 13,000,000 within the next fifteen years. The number of literate females in the country is estimated at only a little over 2,000,000, and though there are hopeful signs that the number of educated women in the middle and upper classes is likely to increase more rapidly in future than it has done in the past, we can see no object, as matters stand, in enfranchising several million women, who have received no literary education of any kind, and who cannot be expected to have the slightest grasp of the political problems with which the country is likely to be faced during the next generation.

They would either not use their votes at all or would use them at the bidding of the men to whose influence they are subject. There is no doubt that educated women are capable of playing a useful part in the legislatures, both provincial and central, but for the present there is little chance of their being elected to the Councils, even if women were enfranchised to the ex-

tent proposed by the Commission. They must rely on nomination, and we agree with the Commission that the provincial Governors should use their powers of nomination to ensure the adequate representation of women in the Councils, so far as practicable."

The Committee favour second Chambers in all provinces, and desire the relief of the over-worked and often inexperienced Governors just arrived from Home by the appointment of Deputy-Governors.

Discipline of the Police.

On the vital question of the administration of the police by Indian Ministers the Kerr Committee say:

"We observe that the transfer of the police to the administration of Ministers responsible to the Legislature is opposed not only by the officials but also by large bodies of non-official Indian opinion. The Indian Central Committee recommended that it should continue to be a reserved subject in Bengal. Since the Commission left India, the importance of maintaining the moral of the police force has been made manifest for all the world to see. If in the face of the present troubles the loyalty and discipline of the police force are undermined, the consequences must be of the gravest kind."

"We admit all that the Commission urge regarding the strong objections to reserving the police, if all other provincial subjects are transferred to Ministers, but the welfare of the country is more important than any political device, and in our view the first essential is that the police should be assured of firm support and fair treatment by the Executive Government so long as they continue to do their duty. Whatever changes may come now, Great Britain must for many years be, in fact, ultimately responsible for maintaining authority in India, and authority cannot be maintained without a loyal and efficient police force."

"The Commission's scheme does not seem to us to offer sufficient safeguards for the proper administration of the police by Ministers responsible to a Legislative Council of the population."

"Some of us believe that in view of the present troubles the risks of transfer are too great to be overcome, and that for the present, in spite of the drawbacks to that course, the police should continue to be reserved to some form of official administration outside the control of the Legislative Council. The majority of us, however, feel that, assuming the replacement of dyarchy by a unitary Government responsible to the Legislature, the objections to reservation of the police are so serious from many points of view, and not least from the point of view of the police administration itself that every effort must be made to find an alternative."

Meantime the Kerr Committee propose the immediate appointment of a strong Indian Police Committee of five or six members, representative of the force and the expenditure upon it, in each province, for the next ten years, the police expenditure for that period being non-revocable by the Provincial Parliaments. In addition, they propose that some portion of the cost of provincial police forces should be defrayed from central funds in the "grants in aid, payment of which would be conditional upon the Central Government being satisfied as to the size and efficiency of the provincial police force."

Finally, the Committee demand that the Governor's responsibility for the subjects of law and order and police administration should be made unmistakably clear and definite.

The Committee summarise the dangers attaching alike to dyarchy in the central sphere and to a central Indian Government non-responsible to a Central Assembly, although itself charged over a wide field, with the superintendence,

ORDERED TO TELL.

JUDGE AND A DOCTOR.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten, in the King's Bench Division, ordered a doctor from the obstetric ward of University College Hospital, Gower-street, W., who had been subpoenaed, to give evidence. The doctor said he regarded anything that had happened in regard to his patient as privileged, and asked for the protection of the court.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten: There is no such privilege known to the law, and you are bound to assist the jury by answering any relevant question.

Mr. Beresford (counsel in the case): It is more the view of the hospital authorities than of this doctor.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten: I am astonished that the hospital authorities should be so ignorant of their duty.

Mr. Beresford: He desired the point should be put before you.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten: Let there be no misunderstanding. There are certain communications which the law does regard as privileged.

We are asked to point out that the title of address to be given by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the next meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association, on January 6, is "Judicial English."

direction and control of Provincial Governments fully responsible to almost sovereign Parliaments. "disasters" and "disorders" and "disaster" are prophesied if the Simon scheme, unrevoked, is adopted, and all members of the Committee desire a revision of the composition of the Central Assembly as advocated by the Simon Commission. Alternative methods of election and nomination are suggested.

Future of the Army. On the problem of the Army, the Kerr Committee hold that, "even if it were possible within some measurable period to dispense with the presence in India of British units, and to officer the Indian units entirely with Indians, it is not easy to visualise an Army, of which 70 per cent. is recruited from the Punjab and the adjacent districts of the United Provinces, being placed under the control of a Federal Assembly containing an overwhelming majority of representatives of the non-martial provinces."

"Any disagreement between the Army and such an Assembly could have only one end. Moreover, it would be impossible, in view of the treaty obligations with the Indian States, for the British Government to relinquish control of the Army for the upkeep of which many of the States have ceded large tracts of territory. In view of these considerations, the retention of British control over the Army must for the present be regarded as essential, whatever its implications on the constitutional position may be."

"Meanwhile," they proceed, "we agree that it is necessary to push on vigorously any scheme of Indianisation which offers a reasonable prospect of success. We suggest that, as Indianisation proceeds, it may be found advisable at some period to introduce an organisation similar to that of the former Egyptian Army, whereby officers of the British service would be seconded for definite periods to serve with the Indian Army and to hold the higher regimental appointments, until Indians have obtained the requisite amount of training and experience. The ultimate aim would, of course, be to dispense with the services of the British officers entirely, except possibly in an advisory capacity, as in the case of the Imperial Service troops."

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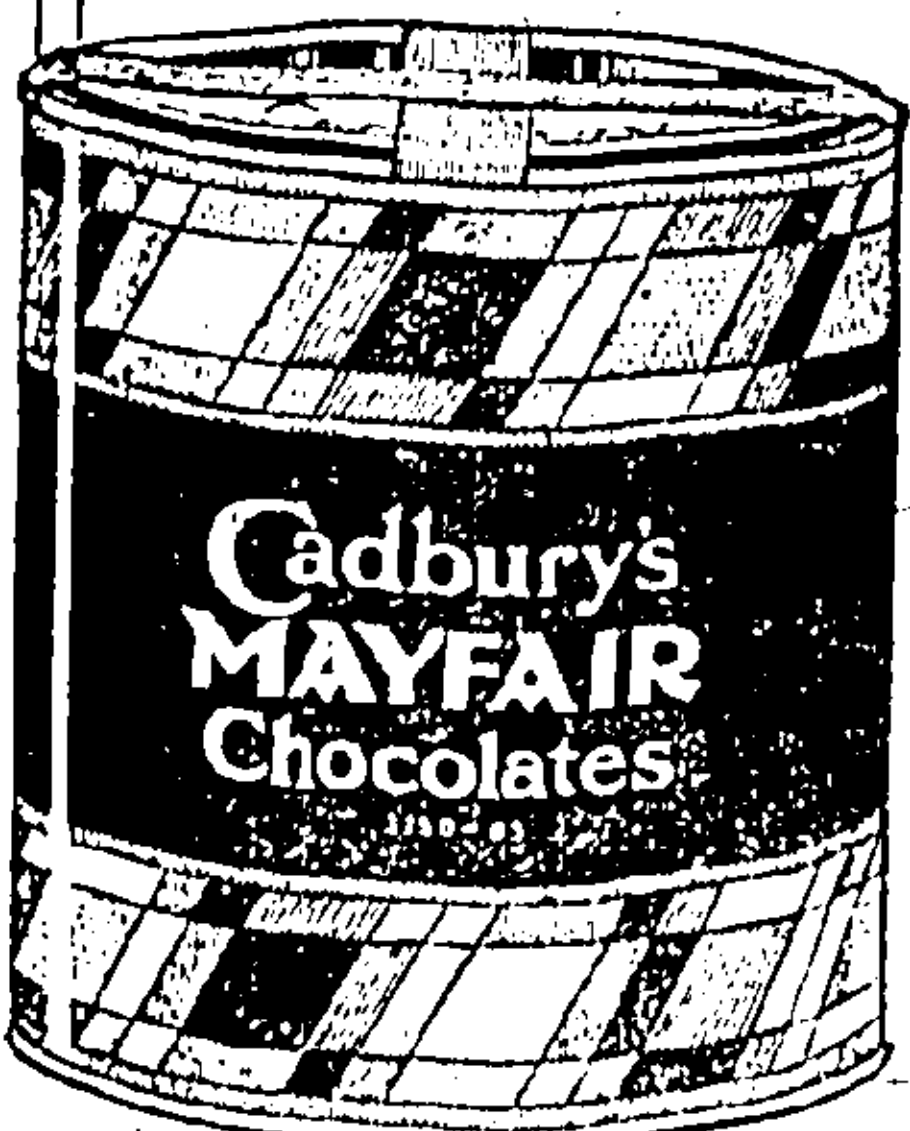
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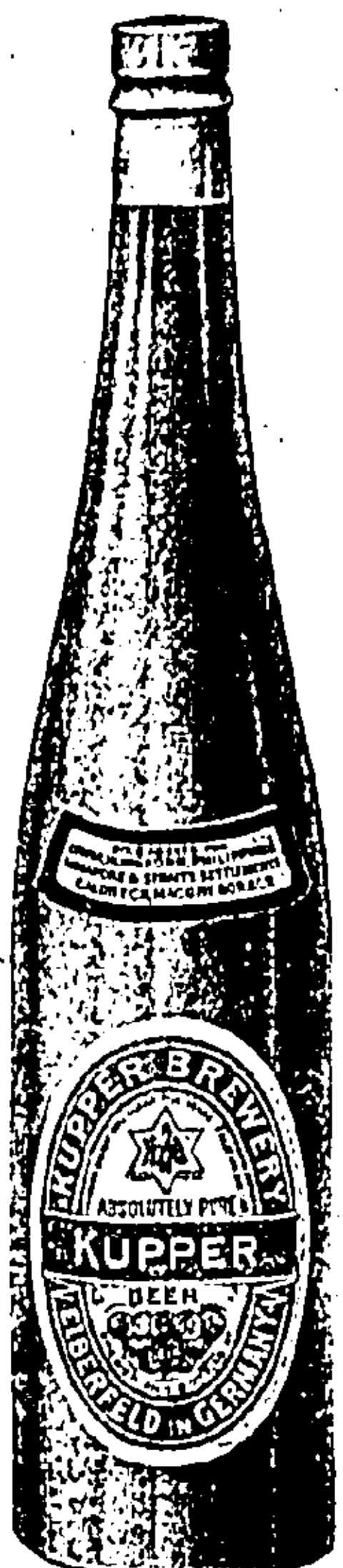
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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S GAME ON THE CLUB GROUND.

Yesterday's rugby game on the Club ground was by no means an easy win for the home team. Indeed, the fifteen turned out by H.M.S. Medway had very hard lines in not scoring on at least two occasions, and the Navy forwards had most of the play. There was a period towards the end of the first half when the Club were penned within eight yards of their line for ten minutes, but the Medway could not quite get over, though a score seemed certain from one of the scrums or lines-out that occurred. In the second half, the Club never penetrated the Medway half until almost a quarter of an hour had gone, and it was only a marvellous, almost miraculous saving that kept the Medway out of the Club line. The teams lined up as follows:

Club.—B. P. Maasey; J. W. Johnson, D. F. Kilby, G. Alera, W. Harri-Walker; J. W. King, I. H. M. Macredy; E. H. Gammell, H. M. Miford, H. D. Clippendale, R. Watson, W. F. Kerr, A. D. Coplin, B. L. Stock, W. R. Andrews.

Medway.—Lt. Fawkes; Lt. Van Der Byl, Lt. Woods, Lt. Cdr. Ruck-Koenig, E. R. A. Northwood, A. B. Thomson; Lt. Taylor, Sub. Lt. Currie, E. R. A. Wilkinson, L. S. Welham, A. B. Roome, A. B. Hollywood, Sig. Knight, P. O. Spring.

The first ten minutes or so were devoted to loose forward rushes, with very little air given to the ball, and the Club were for the most part in the Medway half. Then Van Der Byl got in a run to near the Club line, using his weight, which is considerable, very well. Scrums and lines-out near the Club line ended in the latter being given a generous penalty-kick that relieved the situation.

The Club had to touch down once through a mis-kick by Macredy, who otherwise played a good game, getting along to bring down his opposite-number quite well, and often taking the ball down the field. The Medway still continued their threats against the Club, but, from a fumbled pass, Johnson picked up in his own twenty-five and ran three-quarters of the field to score near the posts. He was unfortunate, and out of wind, with the place-kick.

The Medway commenced the second half very strongly, and had the Club penned in their own half for a long time. Two penalty-kicks to the Medway were not quite on the mark, and a lot of good saving had to be resorted to. Kerr, Coplin and Miford were amongst the best of the Club forwards, and when play was taken into the Medway territory, Gammell was always following up hard and fast. He scored the Club's last try after running strongly, having his pants taken off him, and still hurrying along to touch down. Johnson put on the extra points to make the final score eight points to nil, but the Medway deserved at least a try and a penalty goal.

The Club pack were not at their best in heeling, and the second and third rows of the scrum in the tight were slow, so the Medway had to pick up a stationary ball at a disadvantage. In the loose, the Club were always working hard, but, if the Medway had had a line of three-

LOCAL HOCKEY.

FORMER PUPILS' HANDSOME WIN OVER Y.M.C.A.

Revealing itself to be a much better team in all departments, the K.B.S. F.P.A. easily accounted for the Y.M.C.A. second eleven at King's Park yesterday, winning by four clear goals.

All the points were obtained in the initial half of the game, and served to show the "Former Pupils" forward line to be live with opportunities. Francis gave an especially impressive display, and received splendid support from his front line colleagues.

It was in this department that the "Y.M." were king, the forwards failing to thrust home their advantages. J. Smith played a lone game, and was decidedly unlucky in not being credited with a goal, the point being disallowed on account of "sticks."

The outstanding performers in the losing team were Tippet and Dormer, the visiting backs, the two working hard to overcome a clever forward line, which was ably supported by the intermediates.

The game was fast throughout, both teams revealing possession of some very useful material.

Y.M.C.A. v. Argyls.

The Y.M.C.A. team to meet the Argyls and Sutherland Highlanders this afternoon at King's Park, bully off at 5 p.m., is as follows:—F. Cope; G. F. Row and H. Mundy; A. R. Brown, G. Mitchell and F. S. W. Smith; A. Tate, F. Parker, G. Kearns, J. Smith and T. J. Price.

Club First Team for To-day.

The following will represent the Club 1st XI v. The Army to-day at 5 p.m. U.S.R.C. Ground:

Gregory, J. E. Henry, W. Woodward, A. Dand, M. W. Turner, J. Noronha, H. Owen, Hughes, C. Francis, G. R. More, L. G. Frost, T. J. Price.

Club Team to Play the Argyls.

The following have been selected to represent the H.K. Hockey Club "A" XI v. the Argyls on the Club ground to-morrow at 5 p.m. sharp:

W. Borrowman, T. R. Rowell, A. N. Other, B. L. Stock, H. O. Davies, Capt. Burke, R. W. Sapsed, L. H. Smith, Major H. A. P. Kerrick, R. G. Edwards-Jones, S. J. R. Fox.

Match on Saturday.

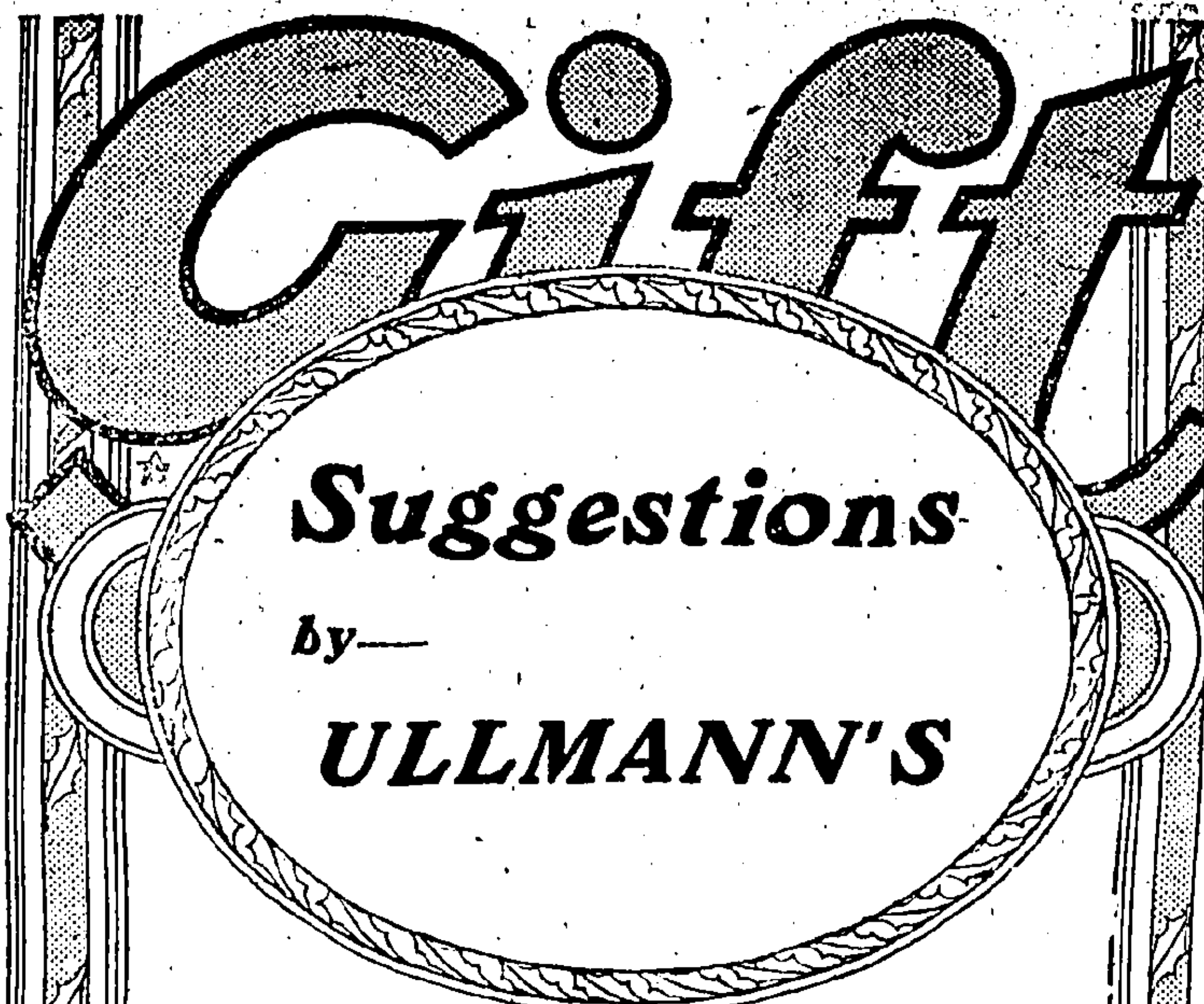
The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. second eleven against a team from H.M.S. Bruce at King's Park on Saturday at 4 p.m.:—H. P. Keyserling; J. M. Purvis, L. Tippet; R. A. Bates, G. Mitchell, R. Dormer; H. Muller, L. Macey, W. H. Smith, F. Parker, L. Coombes.

quarters who possessed combination, they would have been in more than once.

To-day's Game.

At Sookunpo this afternoon, a team from the Small Ships is due to meet a team from the South Wales Borderers, the match commencing at 4 p.m.

This game will give something of an indication of the game which the Borderers will play on Saturday, when they meet the Club "A" on the Club ground at the same hour.



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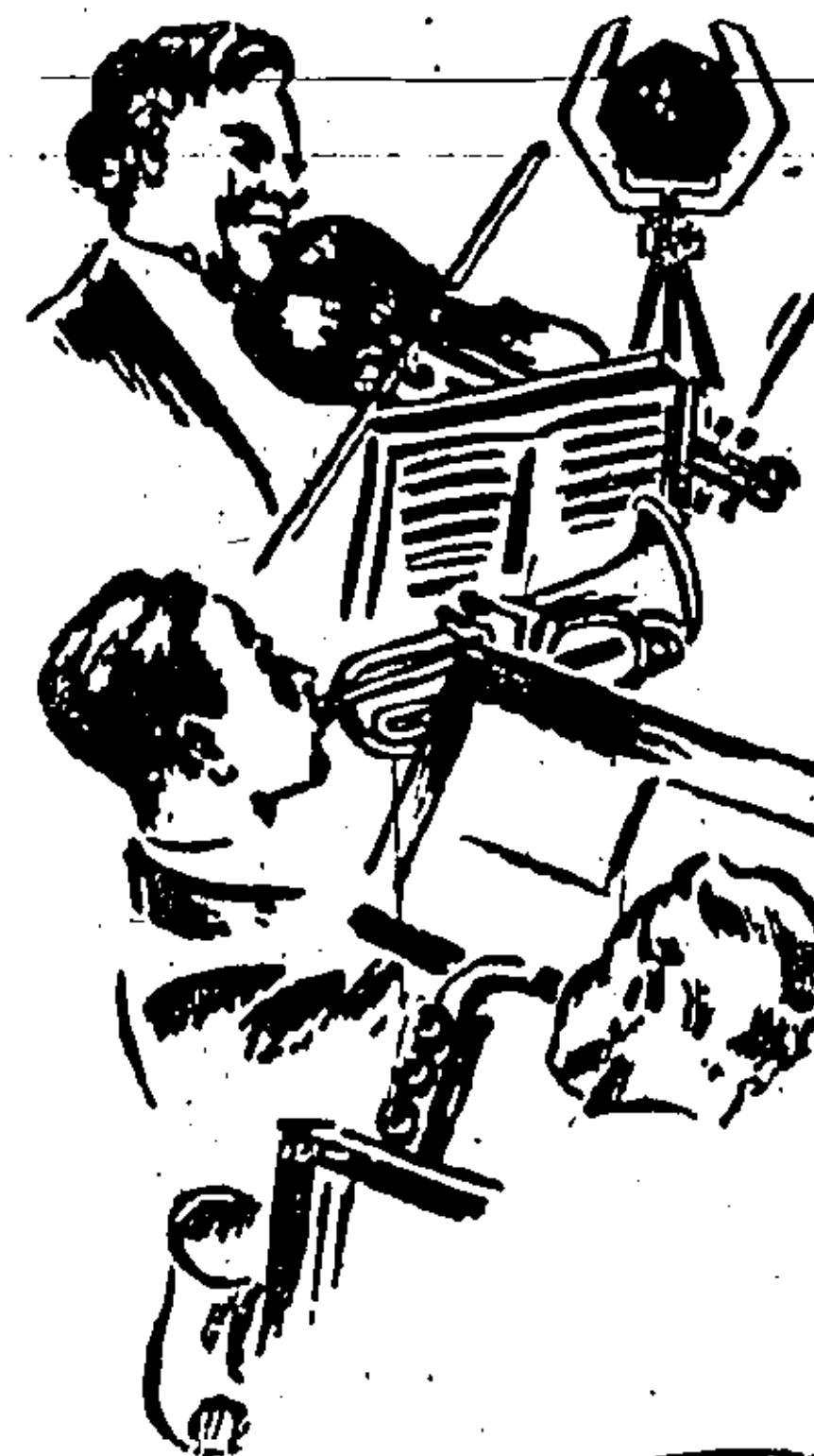
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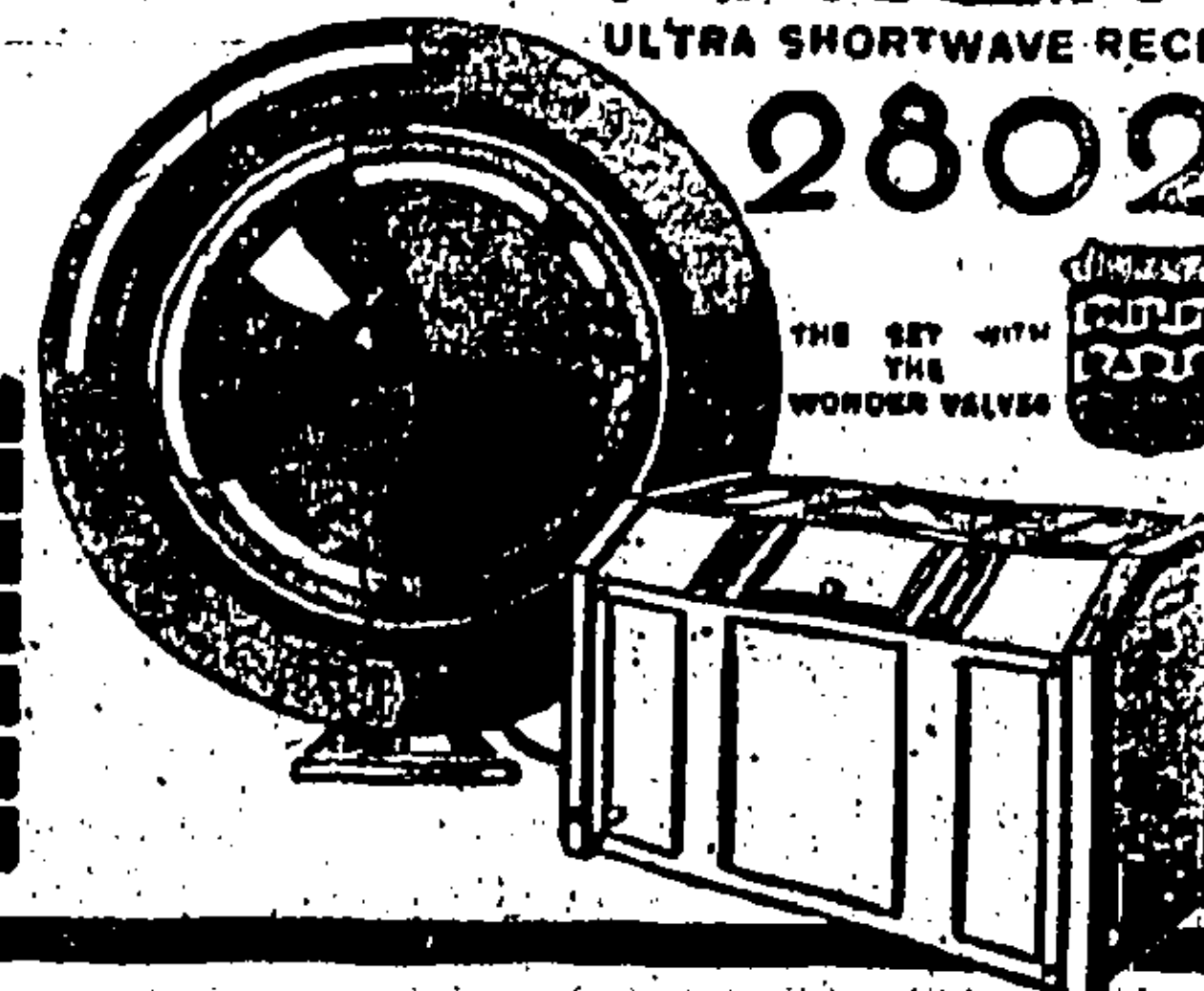
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RABBITS BILL.

PROTECTION FOR THE FARMERS' CROPS.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. Hanbury (C. Dorset, N.), in moving the second reading of the Rabbits Bill, said that under the measure if an owner or occupier of land could convince a County Council that excessive damage was being done to his crops, trees, fences, or pastures by reason of the neglect of a neighbouring occupier of land to keep down the rabbit, the County Council could require that, in fourteen days, the occupier causing the nuisance should abate or prevent the damage.

If he did not comply the County Council had the right to send people to reduce the nuisance, and the offending occupier would be called on to pay the expenses. The County Council also could send an inspector at the request of the complainant, who would be charged a fee of £2, but he could recover this fee if his claim was upheld.

There was right of appeal by the occupier to the County Council, which in that case could take no further action until they had heard both sides. The power contained in the Bill would work out eventually for the reduction and keeping in control of this verminous pest, the rabbit. (Laughter).

Owing to the all too haphazard methods in the past of treating the rabbit, it had become in many parts of the country a dangerous nuisance to growing crops and to forestry. Yet if properly restricted to otherwise unproductive ground, he could see great developments possible in making the rabbit a useful crop for food, for fur, and other economic purposes.

Every restaurant keeper knew the value of rabbit in the construction of chicken cream. (Laughter). What would the great fur industry be without coney and "lapinski," so valuable in the sable, dyed ermine, and mink markets of the world? (Laughter).

He asked the House to endorse the words of an East Anglian parson, who was frequently asked to a great house in the neighbourhood and was reported on one occasion, when requested to say grace, to have replied:

Of rabbits young and rabbits old,
Of rabbits hot and rabbits cold,
Of rabbits tender and rabbits tough,
We thank the Lord we've had enough. (Laughter).

National Farmers' Union. Lieutenant-Colonel Acland-Troyte (C. Tiverton), in seconding, said that the National Farmers' Union were keen on the Bill, and the County Councils Association approved of it.

Mr. Lambert (L. South Molton), supporting the Bill, considered the rabbit a very good thing in a pie, but a pest on the lands.

Mr. Guinness (C. Bury St. Edmunds) did not think it would be necessary often to put the compulsory powers of the Bill into operation, though there were certain obstinate people who were quite indifferent to the complaints of their neighbours under present conditions.

Dr. Addison (Minister of Agriculture) welcomed the Bill, which he said had become a hardy annual. The National Farmers' Union were in favour of it. He had got into trouble with the Union owing to some recent remarks, and he suggested as a subject for the cartoonists Captain Morrison (Chairman of the Union) and himself shaking hands over the body of a rabbit. (Laughter).

Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton Brown (C. Hexham) moved the rejection of the Bill, which he said was perfectly useless. "You cannot kill rabbits by Act of Parliament," he declared amid laughter. Commander Southby (C. Epsom) seconded.

Mr. Ede (Soc. South Shields) deprecated members bestowing abusive epithets on "the prettiest quadruped of the country-side." (Laughter). The game laws were the real trouble. If the local magistrates would only wink at poaching friends of his, it would abate the nuisance far more rapidly than the County Council could. (Laughter).

The Shipley Result.

While Sir J. Lamb (C. Stodd) was supporting the Bill Viscount Womer brought in to the chamber the news of the Conservative victory in the Shipley division, and there was a delighted cheer from the Opposition benches.

Sir George Bowyer handed a slip of paper to Mr. Guinness, and the Chief Conservative Whip all smiles, joined the little group on the front bench in an examination of their figures.

Sir W. Wayland (C. Canterbury) said that the rabbit had two sides (laughter)—a useful side as well as a destructive side. It not only provided a large amount of food, but its skin was a great asset. The price of rabbit skins had risen from 1d. each before the War to anything from 8d. to 7d. Rabbits did a lot of damage, but on his

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6.30-7.00 p.m. Children's programme from the Studio.

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John McCormack (Tenor). 6776.

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Hans Barth. 20316.

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own estate he found the balance turned to the credit side by between £30 and £40.

Captain Waterhouse (C. Leicester, S.) pictured a committee of a County Council holding a Saturday afternoon shoot on somebody else's land. (Laughter). "When," he said, "we go home hoping to have a little shooting, we shall be told: 'No, sir, the County Council is here to-day.'" (Laughter).

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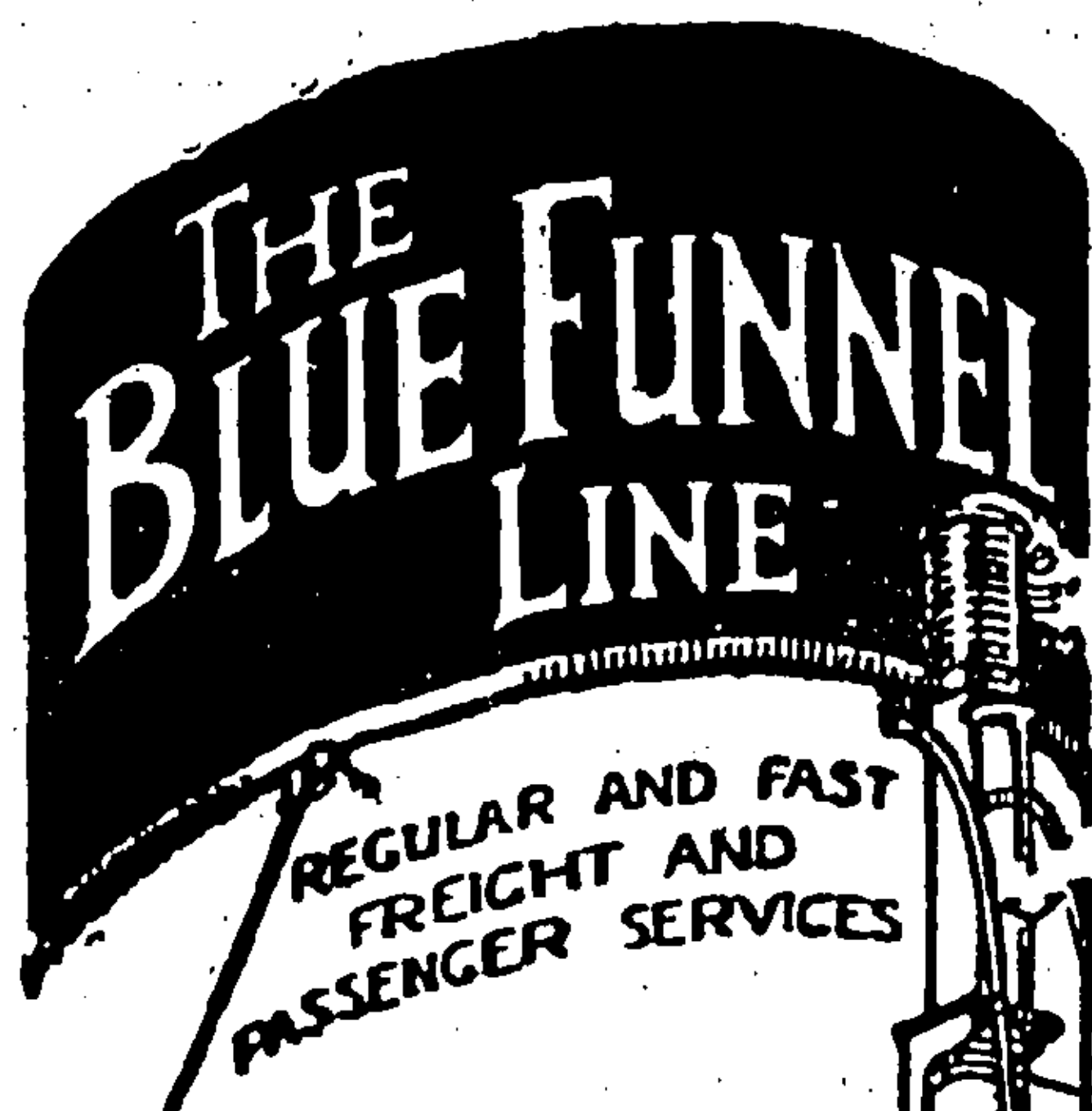
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[The School Age Bill provided for the raising of the school-leaving age from 14 to 16. It was expected to pass the Bill before Christmas. It affects half a million children.]

The Government claimed that it would keep 300,000 children off the labour market for a year and would enable 150,000 adults to obtain jobs. Sir Charles Trevelyan, the Education Minister, described the Bill as a "Charter for the average child." Lord Eustace Percy, opposing it, said that the Bill would increase the taxation of the employee class by £8,000,000 per annum. He said the need was that education should develop mental keenness very largely in touch with and in connexion with the machine on which the keenness would have to be exercised.]

THREE DROWNED.

WHEN JUNK SUDDENLY SINKS IN HARBOUR.

An old man and two small girls were drowned when a junk suddenly sank at the North Anchorage off Stonecutter's Island, shortly after noon yesterday. They were Chau Yau (80), Chau Kwai (5) and Chau Wan (2).

There were 10 people on board at the time but the other seven were picked up by the tug Penlin, a post office launch, and a police launch which rushed to the spot. The three bodies were later recovered by the police.

THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

ITEMS FROM REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

No piracy occurred or were attempted on steamers outward bound from Hongkong during the year 1929, says the annual report of the Inspector General of Police.

One piracy and attempted piracy were recorded on steamships, the piracy being on the Japanese S.S. "Dell Maru" in September. Three Indian Guards were shot and four passengers were kidnapped. Officers and Guards were overpowered and were not able to put up any resistance. Of the four kidnapped persons two have been released.

The attempted piracy on the S.S. "Hatching" in December, was frustrated by the action of the Officers and Guards on the ship. The pirates set fire to the ship. The 2nd Officer was killed, and the 1st Officer was wounded, one Indian guard was killed and one wounded, nine passengers were known to have been killed by bullet wounds and twenty-three of the crew and passengers were wounded. Two of the pirates were arrested, charged with piracy and murder and sentenced to death. Three others have been banished for life. It is believed that none of the pirates, who numbered about fourteen, escaped; five or six were killed by the defenders and others jumped overboard.

There was a considerable decrease in the number of reports of piracy on junks during the year in waters adjoining the Colony.

Piracy in the Canton River Delta also showed a decrease.

Arms.

There were six arms seizures of note during the year, the largest of which was on 16.8.1929 on board the S.S. "Hatching" where 111 Automatic pistols and over 11,000 rounds of ammunition were found.

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The suppression of the activities of Communists continued to be an important branch of Police work throughout the year. Communists have failed to obtain any serious hold in Hongkong, but frequent raids by Police reveal that the Communist Party still maintains, or seeks to maintain, cellars in Hongkong. Their Agents are forced to conduct their activities with great secrecy, and there is evidence that the personnel of the Party's Representatives in the Colony is frequently changed. It is significant that most of the Party's Agents who have passed through the hands of the Police have been of the young student type, and appear to have been controlled from Shanghai. Their efforts had been directed to cause trouble among the labouring classes of the Colony. On September 29th, Police and District

Watchmen succeeded in "capturing" a Communist Meeting in full swing at a Chinese Temple on the outskirts of Kowloon City. Over fifty persons were arrested. The principals were subsequently banished.

The *Evening Post* learns that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek who came to Shanghai on Saturday and returned to Nanking on Sunday evening, arranged during his visit the betrothal of the younger sister of General Chang Hsueh-liang to Madame Tse-an, the brother of Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. T. V. Soong.

A black and white photograph of a large steamship, likely a passenger liner, viewed from the side. The ship has multiple decks, a prominent funnel, and two main masts. It is sailing on a choppy sea.

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MIRZAPORE	6,715	9th Dec. 6 a.m.	Moji & Kobe
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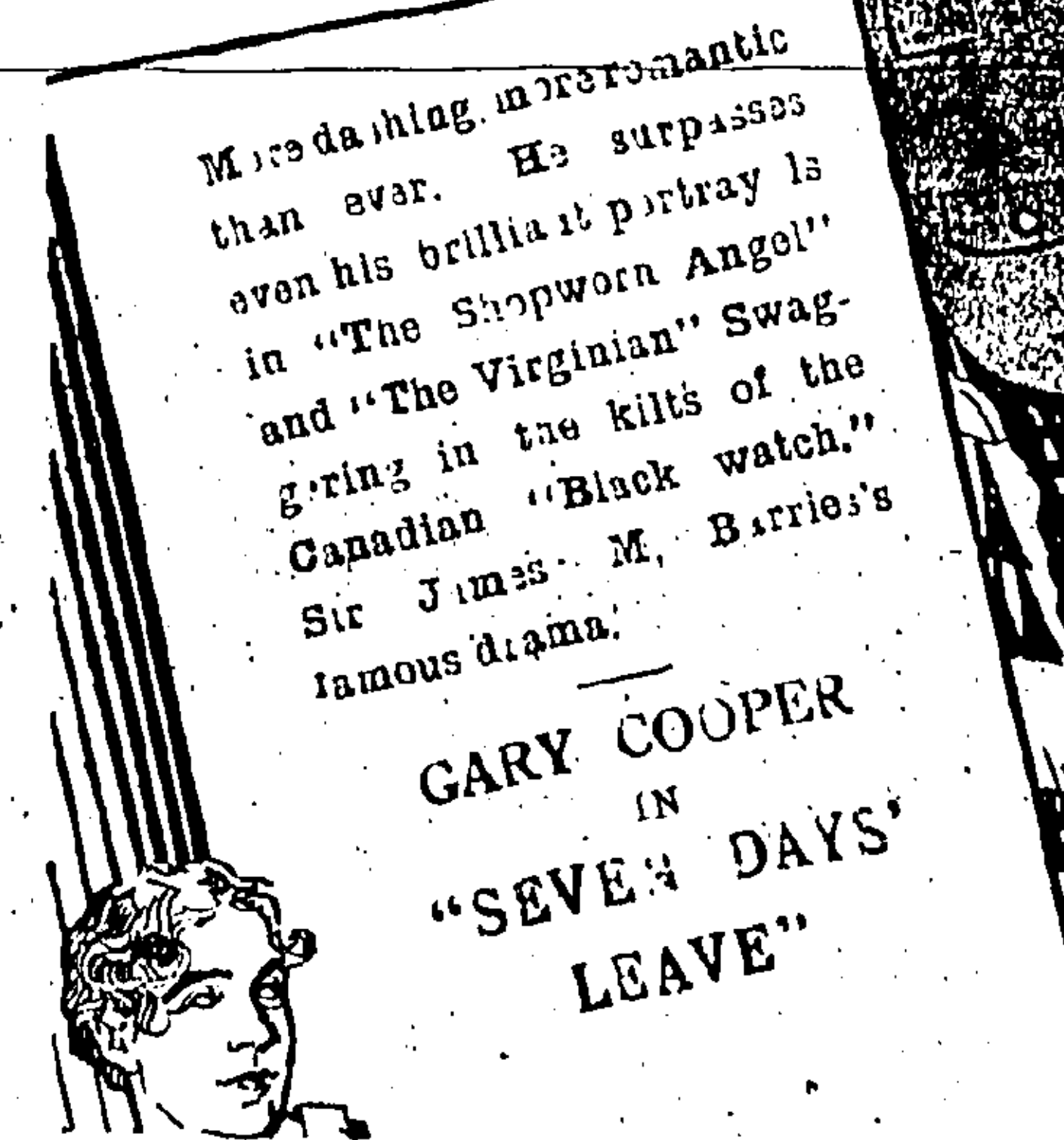
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ALLEGED FORGED RECEIPT.

CONFUCIAN SOCIETY OFFICER
CHARGED.

CASE FOR SESSIONS.

Charges of embezzling \$4,456.24, and of collecting a further \$200 from one Lee Cheung-ling by false-pretending that he had authorisation, and also giving a receipt for the latter sum, were preferred against Tsoi Wan-am, accountant of the Confucian Society, at 220, Hollywood Road, who appeared on remand before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court, to-day.

Regarding a plea of guilty previously returned by the accused, his Worship, on the point of committal of the accused to the Sessions, mentioned that he had not been asked to plead to the second and third charges. His Worship asked whether it was the desire of the prosecution to ask for the man's committal.

Sergeant Goodwin said he had no instructions from his superior officers on this point.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appearing for the Confucian Society, also said that he had no instructions. He added that a letter had been sent by the accused to the Treasurer, containing a full confession of the misappropriations. As the letter was accompanied by a statement of accounts, he (Mr. Brooks) assumed that it covered the items in question.

After consultation with the police authorities, Mr. Brooks later reappeared in Court with the information that the police were applying for the committal of the accused.

There would be, he said, about 20 witnesses, who would be giving short and formal evidence regarding their having handed various sums to the accused.

The accused was remanded formally for a week.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

SCHEME TO MAKE IT MORE
ATTRACTIVE.

London, Dec. 3.

The development of the British Industries Fair to be a truly national manifestation of the quality and range of British products is the aim of the recommendations of a Committee presided over by Lord Chelmsford which is published to-day.

Improved facilities and amenities for exhibitors and buyers, including the provision of a permanent Fair Building easily accessible from London, are advocated. Wider publicity is proposed to secure fuller realisation at home and overseas of the unique opportunity afforded by the Fair both to manufacturers and traders.

The Committee recognises that the Fair has become a very important factor in the expansion of trade. The great interest already taken by buyers from all countries is likely to be much increased when the exhibition is made more fully representative of all sections of industry, and is held in one centre, instead of the present division between London and Birmingham.—British Wireless.

PORTSMOUTH DRAW AT VILLA PARK.

ENGLISH CUP RE-PLAY
RESULTS.

London, Dec. 3.

At Birmingham to-day, Portsmouth shared points with Aston Villa in the First Division match which was postponed from Saturday owing to the unfit state of the ground.

English Cup replays produced no surprises. Fulham made no mistake in their second game with the amateur side, Wimbledon, while Halifax defeated Mansfield away.

The results were:

First Division.

Aston Villa	2	Portsmouth	2
F. A. Cup Re-Plays.			
Gateshead	3	Tranmere	2
Wimbledon	0	Fulham	6
Mansfield	1	Halifax	2

Fulham played Halifax in the next round, and Gateshead are at home to Folkestone.—Reuter.

DUTCH INDIES SUGAR COMBINE.

SEVEN CHINESE FACTORIES
WITHDRAW.

Amsterdam, Dec. 3.

Seven Chinese sugar factories are reported to have withdrawn from the Dutch Indian selling combine.—Reuter.

INDIA'S FEDERAL STRUCTURES.

MAGNITUDE OF TASK MORE
APPARENT.

COMMITTEE'S WORK.

London, Dec. 3.

Encouraging progress has already been made by the sub-committee of the Round Table Conference which is dealing with questions of the federal structure.

The problem presents so many issues that are more or less correlated that a preliminary clearing of the ground was essential. This has been effected in the course of an extremely business-like discussion during which certain specific questions took shape.

For instance, what are to be the component elements of the Federation, and is it to be the States and the Provinces or the States and British India? Will there be two Chambers or one, and will the States' representatives sit in one or both? Again, should there be a Federal Authority dealing with all subjects, or should there, in addition, be an Authority dealing with British India subjects only, and in such cases, which would be federal, and which British India subjects? Further questions requiring consideration relate to the powers of the Executive and the Legislature, the relations of the one to the other, whether there should be an executive responsible to both Houses, and the fate of the present House and their jurisdiction.

Another subject for consideration is the sovereignty of the princes. They drew attention to the fact that States' subjects are not British subjects, and to the necessity of equal partnership along other related points.

Federal Subjects.

Having drawn up a list of questions to be dealt with broadly on the foregoing lines, the sub-committee began an examination of a provisional list of subjects of common concern as between British India and the Indian States on which detailed consideration can begin. These subjects, which can tentatively be regarded as federal subjects, include shipping and navigation, port houses and piers, currency, port quarantine, banks, commerce including banking and insurance, trading companies and other associations, control of the cultivation and manufacture of opium, and its sale and export, control of petrol and explosives, geological survey, inventions and designs, copyright, emigration from and immigration into India inter-provincial migration, traffic in arms and ammunition, Indian survey, meteorology, census and statistics, federal services, immovable property of the Federal Government and the public service commission.—British Wireless.

REDS REPORTED AT LIUCHOW.

INHABITANTS IN STATE OF
ALARM.

Wuchow, Dec. 1.

It is reported by a vernacular newspaper here that the "Red" leader, General Li Ming-shu, is attacking Liuchow, taking advantage of the fact that, due to the Nanking siege and the attack of the Kwangsi army on Yunnan, the city is at present very meagrely defended. The report states that the inhabitants are in a state of great alarm.

So far, the report has not been confirmed, although news has been received by letter that the "Reds" were recently near Kingyuen, a large city two days' journey from Liuchow.—Our Own Correspondent.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY REGULATIONS.

R.A.F. OFFICER QUESTION
NOT DECIDED.

London, Dec. 3.

In the House of Commons at question-time, Mr. F. Montague, Under-secretary for Air, confirmed the report that the British, French and Italian Aero Clubs had reached an agreement regarding the regulations for the Schneider Trophy Race in 1931.

He added that it had not yet been decided whether Air Force officers would be permitted to participate.

The deposit on each machine entered has been fixed at £1,000, the amount on which the British Aero Club throughout had insisted.—Reuter.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Constantine Nicolas Goldin, No. 32, Hankow Road, to Miss Anastasia Demian Falavkoff, No. 3, Carter Road, Shanghai.

A YEAR'S TRAFFIC FIGURES.

NEARLY THOUSAND ACCIDENT
REPORTED

DEATHS OVER THIRTY.

In the annual report of the Inspector General of Police for last year it is stated that there were 7,567 prosecutions for infringement of traffic regulations, the number of convictions being 6,527. The previous year's figures were 6,711 and 6,321 respectively. During the year, 948 accidents were reported, as against 888 in 1929, those ending fatally being 36, compared with 39 in the previous year.

The total number of public motor vehicles examined and found unfit for public service was 794, against 358 in 1929. One hundred and fifty motor drivers' licences were suspended, against 69 in the previous year, whilst 10 motor drivers' licences were cancelled, compared with four in 1929. Licences issued during the year included the following:

Public rickshaws	1,630.
Private rickshaws	831.
Motor Cars (Livery)	457.
Motor Cars (Private)	1,462.
Motor Cycle Licences	631.
Motor Cycle Drivers	404.

DRAMATIC RESCUE ATTEMPT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The coral just touches the surface of the water at low tide and if the Hedwig is still held there, those on board will probably endeavour to reach the Suffolk's boats by manufacturing rafts and allowing the waves to drive them into the shallow water.

Last messages from the cruiser said that she was standing by the Hedwig, which appeared to be no immediate danger.

Stormcloud Officer's Story.

Much doubt as to the identity of the ship aground has been cleared up by the story of one of the officers of the destroyer, H.M.S. Stormcloud, which returned to Hongkong this morning. He stated that the ship is flying a Dutch flag, which indicates that it is the Hedwig, which Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands, mentioned yesterday.

When the Stormcloud was hove to a mile away, the Hedwig was hard and fast in the coral on an even keel and those on board appeared to be fairly comfortable.

Terrible Weather.

"She is a three-masted wooden craft, and appears to have an auxiliary engine," the officer declared. "From the Stormcloud I could see people walking round the upper deck. I counted five of them but the visibility was too poor to determine if they were Europeans."

"Weather conditions out there were terrible. The skies were leaden with heavy rain showers, and the seas were the highest I have seen round the China Coast. A north-east monsoon was raging and huge breakers were rolling in and crashing over the small craft. The storm has since abated a little, I understand."

FULL INCOME TAX FOR AMERICA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the decline in the world's consumption of American cotton, while the rest of the drop (in million bales) was in Europe, and half of that in Britain.

As compared with the previous year, cotton exports to Germany had fallen 6 per cent., to Britain, 32 per cent. and to Japan, 21 per cent.

All-Round Decline.

The exports of agricultural commodities for the year ended June 30, 1930, was the lowest since 1915. The decline was general, excluding forest products. Agricultural exports amounted to \$1,495,000,000 as compared with \$1,847,000,000 in the previous year. The reduction was mainly due to smaller cotton movements at a lower average price, though the decline in exports was general.—Reuter's American Service.

ANTI-FASCIST PLOTS IN ITALY.

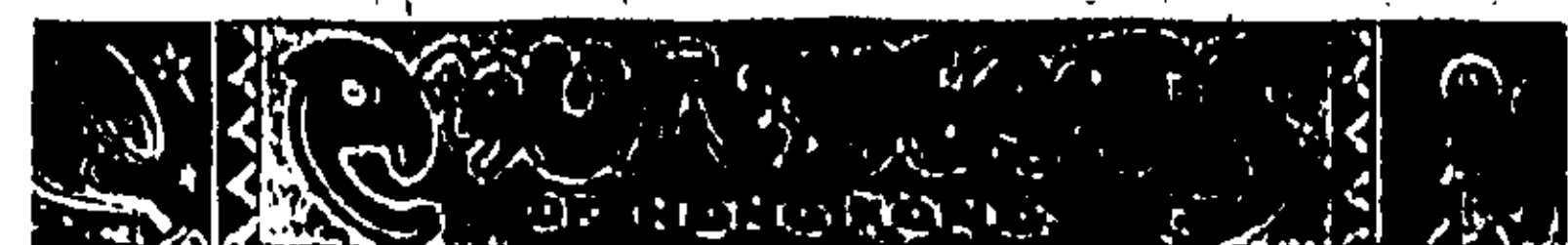
SECRET ORGANISATIONS
DISCOVERED.

Rome, Dec. 3.

It is announced that the police have discovered a secret organisation which has been preparing to commit crimes against the Fascist Government. Twenty-four arrests have been made, including two women.

Communist plots have been discovered in the districts of Emilia and Romagna, and a number of arrests has been made.

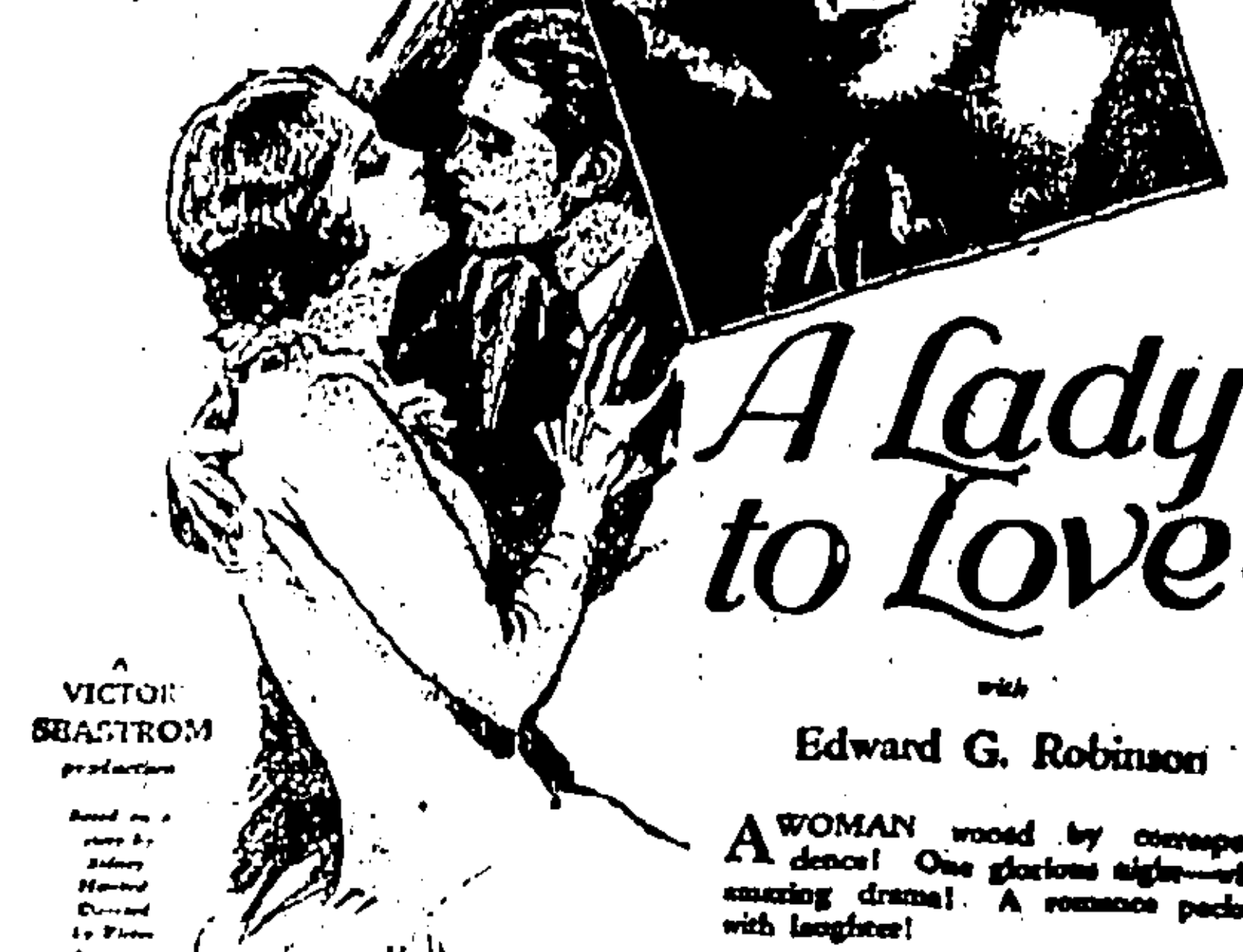
A secret anti-Fascist propaganda organisation has been discovered in Rome. Three of the leaders have been arrested.—Reuter.



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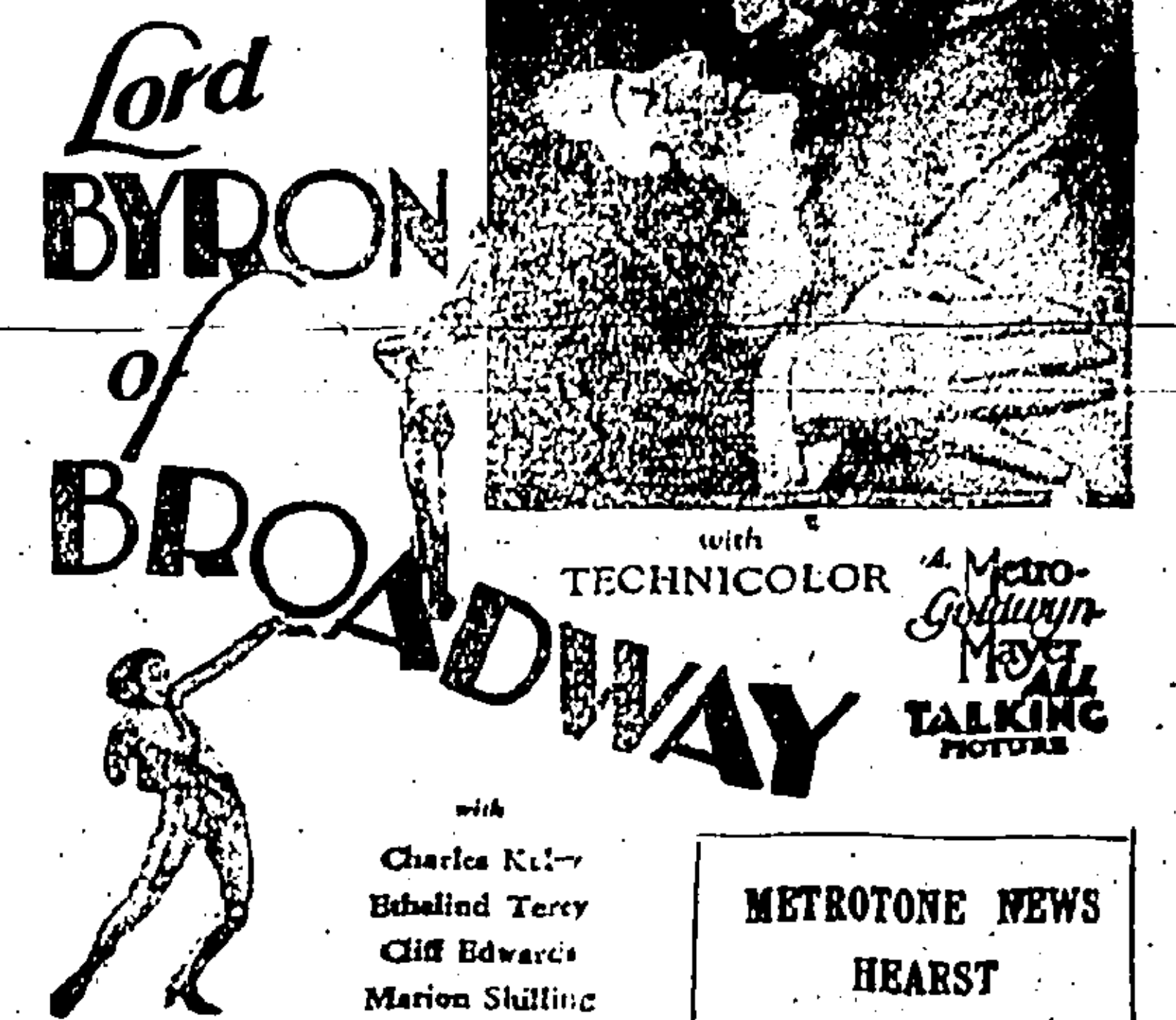
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